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Get Ready for Members' Day 2006

Music, food, shopping, gardening tips, and more—it's all part of the annual PHS Members' Day, **September 16, 11 am – 4 pm**, at The Navy Yard in Philadelphia.

We've put together a fun-filled day for PHS members and their guests, including music, complimentary snacks, a **marketplace** with vendors selling an array of plants and garden accessories, and the ever-popular Annual Plant Dividend. PHS merchandise will also be for sale. The day will feature exciting **lectures and demonstrations** on horticultural topics, beginning at 11 am and continuing until 4 pm. There will be **activities for kids** and **tours** of The Navy Yard, a not-to-be-missed opportunity to see the interesting evolution taking place at this historic site.

The **Membership Tent** will feature a special promotion for members who are renewing and new members who join PHS that day. The first 300 new and renewing members will receive **free daffodil bulbs**.

In the **Plant Dividend Tent**, members can choose free plants (**one for associate members and three for full household memberships and above**). **Present your membership card for fastest check-in.** Plants are grown and donated by other members and commercial growers—all expert propagators. Selections include perennials, shrubs, houseplants, and trees that will beautify your indoor and outdoor garden for many years to come.

Be sure to stop at the **Gold Medal Tent**, where you can purchase exceptional plants that have been recognized with the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award. Experts will be on hand to answer your questions.

In the **Hospitality Tent**, complimentary snacks with an "**Applefest**" theme will be available throughout the day. **Johnnie's Dog House** from Wayne, PA, will sell beverages, scrumptious hot dogs with tasty toppings, sweet Italian sausages, and fries.

There will also be a **live auction** from 1:30 to 2:30, featuring specimen plants and props from past Flower Show exhibits (credit cards accepted).

Ample free parking is available. For more information, driving directions, a complete list of speakers, and a partial list of this year's dividend plants, please visit the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*.

Members' Day 2005

TreeVitalize at Members' Day

As part of TreeVitalize, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to restore the tree canopy of Southeastern Pennsylvania, PHS will sponsor a **pre-order Tree Sale**. Order forms were included with Members' Day invitations, and trees can be picked up on Members' Day.

For more information on the trees for sale, please visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897, or email *specialevents@pennhort.org*. Pennsylvania residents are eligible for an immediate 25% rebate on the cost of the tree, up to $25.

Getting There

The Navy Yard is located at the south end of Broad Street and is easily accessible from I-95 (Exit 17, Broad Street). Enter through the main gate; Members' Day is held on the Parade Ground. For complete directions, please visit the PHS website and click on "membership."

2007 PHS Gold Medal Plant Awards

Three plants have received the PHS Gold Medal Award for 2007. The PHS Gold Medal program recognizes and promotes beautiful and reliable trees, shrubs, and vines that thrive in the Mid-Atlantic region.

***Cornus* Venus™ (Hybrid Dogwood)**
An improved dogwood hybrid with superb resistance to anthracnose and powdery mildew.

***Lagerstroemia indica* 'Whit III' Pink Velour® (Crape Myrtle)**
A hardy crape myrtle with flashy magenta-pink flower clusters atop shiny burgundy foliage.

***Rhus typhina* 'Bailtiger' Tiger Eyes® (Staghorn Sumac)**
This unusual sumac has purplish-pink stems displaying exotic cut-leaf foliage.

For detailed plant descriptions, photographs, and a complete list of all Gold Medal plants, please visit *www.goldmedalplants.com*. Also, see the October issue of *Green Scene* for an article on the 2007 winners.

PHS is grateful to the many individuals and organizations that help support the Gold Medal program. The **Gold Medal Plant Award Committee**, a volunteer panel of horticulturists, nursery owners, landscape professionals and home growers, meets twice yearly to select new plants, which are tested for several years before being chosen. The **Chanticleer Foundation** provides financial support and highlights Gold Medal plants at its Chanticleer Garden in Wayne, PA. Staff and members of the **Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association** help force and donate plants for the Gold Medal exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show each year.

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PHILADELPHIA GREEN
PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW
MEADOWBROOK FARM

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

PEPPERPOT

One Tree at a Time

Last summer I was fortunate to spend a few days in Colorado to attend a family wedding. The wedding was fun and I marveled at the wide open spaces, the big red boulders, and all the vegetation that was new to me.

When I returned, however, I realized how much I had missed the lush greenery of the Delaware Valley. I arrived home on a hot sticky evening and I was so grateful for the oaks and ashes that surround my house and for the tall, elegant tulip trees on the edge of the property. Looking out of my bedroom window, I was especially happy to see my all-time favorite tree, a huge white oak.

It's easy to take all these wonderful trees for granted, but I think most of us know we can't do that. Many of the trees in our neighborhoods, in our parks, and on our streets are suffering from all kinds of problems, from pollution to a host of diseases to old age. At the same time, development has meant the loss of millions of trees throughout the region.

In 2004, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources launched a public-private partnership to plant 20,000 trees over four years in Southeastern Pennsylvania and promote the benefits of trees. PHS is a lead partner in this important effort, training hundreds of new Tree Tenders, planting trees in neighborhoods, and conducting a regional tree awareness campaign.

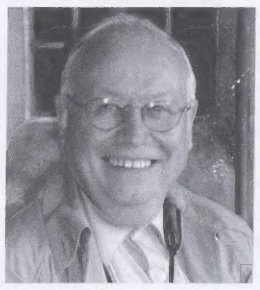
In this edition of the *PHS News* you will find an update on PHS's TreeVitalize goals, dates for upcoming Tree Tender workshops, and information about the trees that will be available at Members' Day on September 16, so you can join us in this effort. Last year was the first time we offered trees at Members' Day through this program and the response was magnificent. Not only did lots of members sign up to purchase trees, but when they arrived to pick them up, they found they were larger and more beautiful than they had imagined. Travelers on I-95 and the Schuylkill Expressway were probably amazed by the number of cars that had been turned into trucks that day to carry the trees home.

And if you don't find the tree you had in mind for your garden at Members' Day, head down to your local nursery, purchase your chosen tree and send the rebate form on page 4 to PHS to claim up to $25. Not only will you enjoy the trees you plant, but so will future generations of Delaware Valley residents.

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

Growing the Future of PHS

Alan Slack, a longstanding PHS member and volunteer, was planning to put his summer cottage on the market when he attended the Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society Planned Giving luncheon last May and learned about PHS's newest vehicle for charitable giving, the Legacy Property Fund. It had been Alan's intention to make a charitable gift to PHS out of the proceeds of his second home, but what caught his interest was just how much he could save in taxes by donating this property, yielding a larger donation for him to give to PHS.



Alan P. Slack

That same day, Alan set up an exploratory meeting with the luncheon's guest speaker Phil Wallis, president of Keystone Conservation Trust (KCT), which governs the Legacy Property Fund. Alan learned that by donating rather than selling his second home—for which he otherwise would not have received any deductions—he was able to save nearly 16% in taxes.

Once Alan's property is resold by KCT, Alan will use the proceeds to establish a charitable gift annuity for PHS.

Alan Slack's summer cottage on the Chesapeake Bay

"PHS has been a major part of my adult life, and this program gives me the opportunity to help keep PHS financially sound in the future."

– Alan P. Slack

This planned gift will provide him income payments for life, a portion of which is treated as nontaxable income by the IRS because of its charitable nature. The remaining principal will be earmarked to PHS's endowment to sustain its programs in the future. "PHS has been a major part of my adult life, and this program gives me the opportunity to help keep PHS financially sound in the future," says Alan.

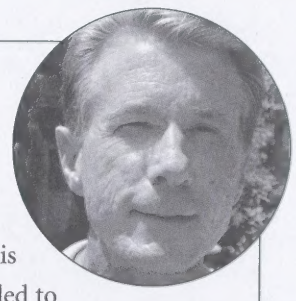
Charitable Gift Annuity Rates at PHS

The chart below demonstrates sample rates, current income tax deductions, and annual incomes for a $25,000 charitable gift annuity paying a lifetime income to one person. To learn more about how to include PHS in your estate plans, for a personalized gift illustration based on your age and size of gift, or to see how the sale of your property could benefit you and PHS, please contact PHS development director Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*. All conversations are kept in strict confidence.

$25,000 Charitable Gift Annuity (one annuitant)

Age	Rate	Annuity	Deduction
60	5.7%	$1,425	$6,768
65	6.0%	$1,500	$8,063
70	6.5%	$1,625	$9,216
75	7.1%	$1,775	$10,566
80	8.0%	$2,000	$11,873
85+	9.5%	$2,375	$12,847+

In the Spotlight: Steve Mostardi



Some folks are just destined to be plant people. A clear example is Steven Mostardi, vice-president and general manager of the family-owned Mostardi Nursery in Newtown Square, PA. When he was in grade school, Steve spent hours each day helping out at his parents' garden supply store or digging about in the backyard plot. "As I grew older, I decided to follow the footsteps of my father and grandfather and become a nurseryman as well," he says.

Now a state-certified horticulturist, Steve has furthered his parents' vision and expanded the store into a well-known garden retail center that specializes in a wide range of plant species and outdoor accessories.

Given such experience and know-how, Steve was seen as a perfect addition to PHS's Gold Medal Plant Committee, a group that selects trees, shrubs, and woody vines to receive the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award. The program evaluates and chooses the finest plants for the Mid-Atlantic region in terms of eye-appeal, performance, and hardiness.

Steve has been a part of the committee for six years and is continually impressed by the caliber of plants presented to him. "The 2007 winners are excellent choices, I think we've found the best of the breed in each category," he says (for a list of 2007 Gold Medal winners, please see page 1).

Due to his involvement in the selection process, Steve ensures that Gold Medal plants have a prominent place in his nursery. He says, "From my standpoint in the industry, it's an ideal way to bring better plants to the public and help them make smarter choices in their landscaping."

Steve is also a member of the PHS Council. He says being part of the group provides him with a "behind-the-scenes look" at PHS's greening efforts across the region. "Through the Council, PHS allows me to give back to the community that has been so supportive of my business."

Indeed, business is bustling and, in keeping with family tradition, Steve's sons are now pitching in. He says, "When you can make a living providing a product and service that improves people's personal environment—that's extremely rewarding."

–Daniel Moise

PHS Has Role in City's Open Space Plan

GreenPlan Philadelphia

The City of Philadelphia will lead an effort, along with PHS and other partners, to create **GreenPlan Philadelphia**, an open-space plan that will guide decision-making about the city's green spaces, including their use, acquisition, development, funding, and management.

PHS will play a leadership role in *GreenPlan Philadelphia*'s civic engagement process, which will help ensure a plan that is shaped by the priorities of Philadelphia residents. PHS will help organize a series of meetings seeking input from residents in all parts of the city and will identify partners and stakeholders who can help serve as stewards of open space resources. The organization will also help create communication tools to help promote the importance of the plan.

Like other American cities, Philadelphia is embracing new thinking about open space and its importance to the quality of life. The city of Boston, for example, has recently implemented its fourth open space plan, part of an ongoing effort to ensure the successful integration of green space with the built environment, an approach that has helped make it a model American city.

"*GreenPlan Philadelphia* will give us a road map for ensuring that all residents, workers, and visitors have access to green spaces and enjoy a more healthful and vibrant city and region," says Philadelphia's assistant managing director Bob Allen. "The plan will play an essential role in the city's continuing revitalization and will help ensure a bright economic future."

Cities with open space plans are better able to manage their natural resources and can more easily attract funding from state and federal sources. Currently, Philadelphia is the only county in the nine-county metropolitan area without an open space plan.

Philadelphia residents understand that a healthy, green environment is vital to the city's future. A recent citywide survey undertaken on behalf of the nonprofit environmental group PennFuture showed that Philadelphians think more support and resources should be focused on open space and environmental issues. The survey found that "92% of Philadelphians believe that environmental and infrastructure improvements are necessary to improve the area's economic competitiveness and growth." (Learn more about the survey at *www.pennfuture.org*.)

GreenPlan Philadelphia is being led by the Philadelphia Managing Director's Office in partnership with other city agencies, including the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, the Fairmount Park Commission, the City Planning Commission, and others. It is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the City of Philadelphia, and the William Penn Foundation with in-kind resources from project partners.

To learn more about *GreenPlan Philadelphia*, please visit *www.greenplanphiladelphia.com*, where you can find out about community meetings and events, complete resident surveys, and more.

Margaret Funderburg

View of Center City from the Philadelphia Museum of Art

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series presents workshops, lectures, and events for people who garden in small spaces. Held at neighborhood branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia and other locations in the city, **these events are free unless otherwise noted**. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*.

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer... A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA

Fall Bus Trip to Chanticleer

Thursday, September 21, 5 – 8 pm

Chanticleer staff horticulturist Joe Henderson will lead a tour focusing on the ponds and water features in the gardens. Buses will leave PHS, 100 North 20th Street at 5 pm **SHARP** and return to Philadelphia by 9 pm. Please bring a light supper; snacks and refreshments will be provided. Due to limited space, **registration and a $5 fee are required**. For more information or to register, please contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872 or *citygardening@pennhort.org*. **Registration deadline is September 11.**

2006 Fall for Your Park

Volunteers Needed for Annual Spruce-up

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, September 30**, for the eighth annual *Fall for Your Park*, held this year at Ferko Playground & Tacony Creek Park in the Juniata neighborhood of Philadelphia. Park advocates and volunteers from across the city will work together with neighborhood residents to transform the site for all to enjoy. Come out and pitch in with painting, plantings, trail work, and more. You can also count on food, fun, and free t-shirts for volunteers. **To volunteer and for more information, please call 215-988-1611 or email *parks@pennhort.org*.** *Fall for Your Park* is sponsored by Philadelphia Green's Parks Revitalization Project, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, and Fairmount Park and is made possible by grants from the William Penn Foundation and Philadelphia's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative.

Growing Greener Cities: Symposium on Urban Environmental Issues in the 21st Century

October 15 – 17, 2006

University of Pennsylvania, Phila., PA

Inspired by the film series *Edens Lost & Found*, this national symposium promotes sustainable urban environments and the role of community-based participation. Sessions will focus on how integrated management of natural resources, including water, air, land, and the green environment, fosters the social, economic, and environmental revitalization of cities. Keynote speaker **Wangari Maathai** won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her contributions to sustainable development, democracy, and peace through the Greenbelt Movement she started in her native Kenya.

For more information, please visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*. To request a brochure, please email *GrowingGreener@pennhort.org*.

Keynote Speaker Wangari Maathai

Growing Greener Cities is hosted by PHS; the Penn Institute for Urban Research; and the Media and Policy Center Foundation, the nonprofit arm of film producer Willand-Bell. Other sponsors include the University of Pennsylvania's Office of the Provost's Global Forum, School of Arts and Sciences, and Institute for Environmental Studies, as well as CDM. CDM is a full-service consulting, engineering, construction, and operations firm delivering sustainable solutions for public environmental and infrastructure needs.

PHS Annual Meeting

Please join us for the PHS Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, at 5 pm at PHS headquarters**, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA. We will elect new members of Council, celebrate the recipients of the PHS Annual Awards (published in the July/August issue of *PHS News*), and take up other Council business.

At its June 21 meeting, the Council approved the nomination of the following members for re-election to second three-year terms: Ellie Barger, W. Thacher Brown, Henry L. Good, and Jennifer K. Lendler.

In addition, the Nominating Committee will place in nomination for three-year terms, beginning in November 2006, the following persons who are not currently members of Council:

Sandra M. Alton recently retired as vice president of retail sales, Philadelphia market, for Tiffany & Co. Sandra is on the Urban League of Philadelphia's board of directors. She serves on the Flower Show Executive Committee and chaired the Preview Reception & Dinner Committee for the 2006 Show.

Stacy Dutton is chief investment officer of Park Agency, Inc., in New York. Stacy serves as vice president of the Board of Directors for the Lantern Theater Company in Philadelphia and is a member of the Investment Committee for the endowment of the National Cathedral School in Washington, DC. At PHS, Stacy serves on the Finance and Investment Committees.

Fred Lewis is involved with city park groups, including the Friends of Vernon Park and Cliveden Park. He has been a longtime volunteer and advisor to the board of directors at Center in the Park, a community center that promotes positive aging and fosters connections for older adults. Fred is a member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and Parks Committee.

Alan P. Slack retired as director of quality assurance at the Boeing Company. He is past president of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society and has served on the boards of area arboreta, including Scott, Tyler, and Jenkins. At PHS, Alan is a member of the Development and Flower Show Executive Committees. He also shares his horticultural knowledge as an Ask-a-Gardener volunteer and chair of the Flower Show Nomenclature Committee.

Stephan White is an architect and urban designer who has lived and worked in Philadelphia's Spring Garden neighborhood for more than 30 years. Stephan is one of the founders of The Spring Gardens, one of the city's largest community gardens, and has served as Chairman of the Steering Committee since the garden's inception in 1994. He is also a board member of the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust. Stephan serves on the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and the City Gardens Contest Committee.

Please return your signed proxy, we need your vote!

PROXY FORM

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Annual Meeting of Members
November 14, 2006

The undersigned hereby appoints Harry E. Hill, Margaret Sadler, and Jane G. Pepper, each of them the true and lawful attorneys of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, to be held at 5 pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members, all adult members of household should sign.
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign:

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Please return no later than October 27, 2006.
Mail to:
PHS, Attn: Betsie Blodgett
100 N. 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Fax to: 215-988-8810.

TreeVitalize! Plant a Tree Today

PHS Members, please help us reach our goal. Join the efforts of thousands across Southeastern Pennsylvania to plant trees. Over the past 15 years, millions of trees have been lost in Southeastern Pennsylvania, leading to poorer air quality, increased flooding (since trees absorb storm runoff), and a diminished quality of life for millions of people in our region.

TreeVitalize, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, aims to reverse this trend by planting thousands of trees throughout the region. PHS is a leading partner in the effort and invites you to help plant **3,500** trees this fall in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. Please consider planting a tree at your home or in your community and enlist your friends and neighbors to plant one, too.

- Purchase and plant a tree(s) in Southeastern Pennsylvania in the counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia.
- Complete the attached card and submit it, along with your dated sales receipt from any nursery, before December 31, 2006. The receipt must clearly state that you have purchased a tree (not a shrub).
- **Plant a tree this year and receive a rebate of 25%** on the cost of your tree, up to $25, from PHS. The tree must be planted in Southeastern Pennsylvania. To participate, follow the instructions and fill out the form below.

TREEVITALIZE REBATE

Mail this card with sales receipt to: PHS, TreeVitalize Rebate, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495:

TreeVitalize
A partnership to restore tree cover in Southeast PA

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email address _____

For additional rebate forms, go to *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*. For more information on TreeVitalize, please visit *www.treevitalize.net*.

Fall Tree Tender Classes

In partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, PHS offers nine hours of Tree Tender training for residents of Philadelphia and surrounding counties. The hands-on training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care, fundraising, community organizing, and working with local government. This course is designed for lay people and experts alike and is offered at three locations this fall.

Fall 2006 Tree Tenders Training:

PHILADELPHIA
PHS, 100 North 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Wednesdays, September 13, 20, & 27,
5:45 – 8:45 pm

DELAWARE COUNTY
Cabrini College
610 King of Prussia Road
Radnor, PA 19087
Tuesdays, October 3, 10, &17, 6 – 9 pm

CHESTER COUNTY
Charlestown Township
Great Valley Middle School
255 North Phoenixville Pike
Malvern, PA 19355
Wednesdays, October 18, 25, & Nov. 1, 6 – 9 pm

To register online, please visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* and click on "Tree Tender Training." For more information, please contact Mindy Maslin at 215-988-8844 or ***treetenders@pennhort.org***.

Make Plans Now for the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show

Legends of Ireland, March 4 – 11

In March 2007, *Legends of Ireland* will come to life in stunning floral displays that are sure to leave a lasting impression (or make you want to book the next flight to Dublin). The Flower Show staff has been hard at work to ensure this year's Show exceeds expectations. "Although it's a long way off, I couldn't be more excited to see this Show come together," says Sam Lemheny, director of design for the Show. "I know that *Legends of Ireland* will be a Flower Show to remember."

Show sponsor **Tourism Ireland** is assembling Irish and American entertainers who will perform on the Show floor throughout the day. The organization is also rounding up Irish personalities such as renowned garden designer Helen Dillon, helping to find themed merchandise for the PHS Shoppe, bringing in celebrity chefs for culinary events, and planning other offerings.

Early Morning Tours at the Flower Show

The Early Morning Tours, available to groups and individuals, provide a unique opportunity to experience the Flower Show before it opens to the public. Well-informed, enthusiastic volunteer guides will conduct tours at 8 am Monday, March 5 through Friday, March 9. Reservations for groups of eight or more people are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited each day. A limited number of spaces are also available each day for individual reservations.

The cost of an Early Morning Tour is $105/person and $95/person for groups of 15 or more who register before November 15. **PHS members are offered a special rate of $85/person.** For more information and a registration packet, please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *earlymorningtours@pennhort.org.*

Plan Your Next Private Party at the Flower Show

If your organization or business is looking for a unique venue for entertaining clients, look no further than the Philadelphia Flower Show. Elegantly appointed suites that appeal to corporate professionals, medical associations, alumni groups, and others await you at the Show. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Anderson at 215-988-8837 or *eanderson@pennhort.org.*

PHS presents Hitomi Gilliam, AIFD

Flower Arranging Events

October 11–13, 2006
At the Philadelphia Cricket Club
415 West Willow Grove Avenue, Phila., PA

Hitomi Gilliam is a floral artist who creates designs showcasing the ephemeral beauty of flowers to provide a visual experience unlike any other. A member of the American Institute of Floral Designers, Hitomi is one of only five recipients of AIFD's prestigious Design Influence Award.

Wednesday, October 11, 2006, 10 am – noon
Demonstration: "Couture Flower Arranging – Sophisticated Styles for Contemporary Living"

An in-depth study of intriguing blends of color, texture, line, and form with floral materials to create exotic mixes for today's refined and cultured tastes.

• *Lunch with Hitomi, 1 – 2:30 pm (limit 15), for demonstration participants*

Thursday, October 12, 9 am – noon
Workshop: "Lifestyle Flowers – Decorative Designing for the Home"

An innovative decorative patterning that makes designing easy, with simple recipes for successful designs. Beginner to intermediate arrangers. Limit 25.

NOTE: Thursday's workshop "Lifestyle Flowers – Artful Designing for the Home" and Friday's workshop "Designing for Excellence" are **SOLD OUT.**

For more information, please contact Lisa Wiley at 215-988-8832 or at *lwiley@pennhort.org.*

HITOMI GILLIAM REGISTRATION FORM

Register by phone, fax or mail. Make checks payable to PHS and send to:
Lisa Wiley, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495
Telephone: 215-988-8832 • Fax: 215-988-8810 • Free parking for all programs.

Please print.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Wed., Oct. 11: Demonstration: Couture Flower Arranging – Sophisticated Styles for Contemporary Living

Open seating: ____ reservations @ $55 = $_____

Preferred Seating: ____ reservations @ $75 = $_____

Wed., Oct. 11: Lunch With Hitomi (Limit 15) ____ reservations @ $50 = $_____

Thurs., Oct. 12: AM Workshop: Lifestyle Flowers – Decorative Designing for the Home

____ reservations @$150 = $_____

All proceeds benefit the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. **Total** $_____

Registering for two or more people? Please include names and addresses of additional registrants on a separate sheet.

Method of Payment:

☐ Check enclosed OR Please charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Card # _____ Expiration _____

Signature _____

Travel With Us

The Gardens of South Wales and Hampshire
June 10 – 21, 2007

Next June, Jane Pepper will lead another tour of British gardens, beginning in the mountainous country of South Wales and moving to the rolling downlands and chalk streams of Hampshire.

The hills and rivers of South Wales provide wonderful settings for public and private gardens. Highlights will include the spectacular National Trust garden at Powys Castle, as well as Penpergwm Lodge, where Catriona Boyle runs a well-known gardening school.

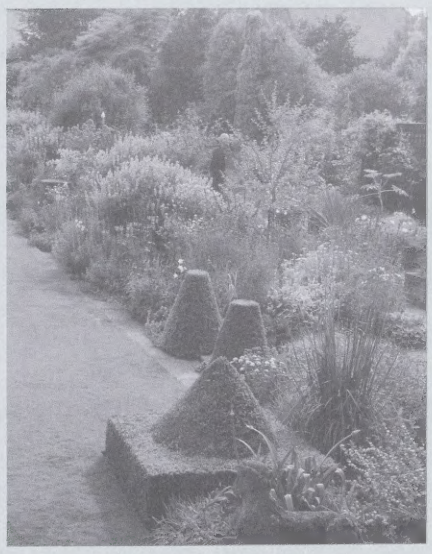
Hampshire has a wealth of superb gardens, many on the banks of charming small rivers, including Mottisfont Abbey, described as "surely the loveliest rose garden in Britain." PHS members will be welcomed at a variety of private gardens for tours and lunch, or for that favorite British tradition, tea.

The group will also spend a day in the ancient city of Winchester, with its massive medieval cathedral, and visit Romsey Abbey and other interesting historical sites in small country villages. Tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior will accompany Jane on this trip.

PHS Visits Ireland
June 20 – July 3, 2007

Legends of Ireland is the theme of the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show, and the exhibits will surely whet your appetite to see the real thing. So don't miss the chance to experience the beauty of Irish gardens during a PHS garden tour next summer.

The climate in Ireland allows a wide variety of plants to flourish, from palm trees to alpine plants, and the Irish gardening tradition is flourishing. In both the north and the south, we'll visit gardens created more than a century ago as well as some planted in recent years.



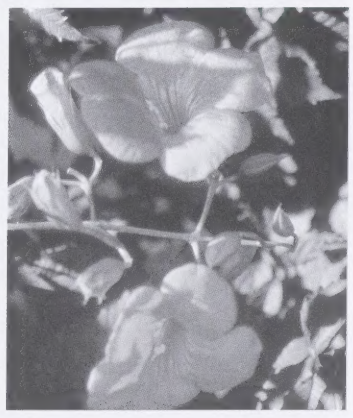
The home of Irish garden writer and lecturer Helen Dillon will be included in the tour.

We'll enjoy warm Irish hospitality throughout our trip as we explore the Ards peninsula in County Down near Belfast, home to famous gardens such as Mount Stewart and Castle Ward. In Dublin, we'll visit one of the best-known private gardens; in Cork, we'll enjoy an array of old as well as contemporary gardens. Besides private and public gardens, we'll include natural wonders, cultural attractions, and beautiful scenery as we tour this captivating island.

Please check the PHS website for itineraries. If you would like to receive a printed itinerary for the above trips, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818. Brochures will be available in October.

WALKS AT CHANTICLEER
WAYNE, PA

Vines
Thursday, September 7, 5:30 – 7:30 pm



Add a new dimension to your garden! There are vines suitable for all kinds of situations: climbing on a trellis, meandering up a tree, growing on the wall, or scrambling through a perennial border. Join **Lisa Roper** as we stroll through Chanticleer and discuss the choices available, the different ways vines climb, preferred cultural conditions, and the structures or hardware necessary to assist them. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Late Season Shade
Wednesday, September 20, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will guide us through the enchanting grounds of Chanticleer and highlight the splendid shade-loving plants that you can enjoy in your garden all summer, but which come into their full glory in the cooler nights and shorter days of autumn. You'll take home many ideas in time for fall planting. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

IN THE GARDEN

The Japanese Garden: Basic Design Principles
Saturday, September 30, 10 am – 12 noon
Shofuso Japanese House and Garden, Philadelphia

If you have ever admired Japanese gardening traditions and wished to bring their moods and serenity into your own garden, you will enjoy this opportunity to join **John Denick** and **Asher Browne** at Shofuso, the Japanese House in Fairmount Park. Designed for the novice, this program will cover the basic principles of Japanese gardening, including how to use forced perspective, textures, and placement to create a peaceful oasis. John and Asher will also cover the development of Japanese gardens, basic horticultural techniques, plants, and gardening methods unique to the Japanese garden. A tour of the gardens is included. **Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

2006 Perennial Plant Conference
Friday, October 20, 8 am – 5 pm
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Get a preview of promising new plant introductions and enjoy lectures on a variety of topics, including antique perennials, trilliums, botanical nomenclature, and more. Speakers include **Denise Wiles Adams**, author of *Restoring American Gardens: An Encyclopedia of Heirloom Ornamental Plants, 1640 - 1940*; **Fred W. Case, Jr.**, a teacher, lecturer on native plants, and author of *Trilliums*; **Page Dickey**, author of numerous books and a contributor to *House Beautiful, House and Garden*, and *Horticulture* magazines; Columnist and lecturer **John Friel**, a member of the Board of Directors of the Perennial Plant Association and co-chair of its Nomenclature Committee; and internationally known garden and landscape designer **Dan Pearson**.

For information, please contact the Continuing Education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000, ext. 507, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. You can also pick up a brochure at PHS headquarters. Register Early!

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Demonstration: Bringing your Tender Tropicals Inside
Thursday, October 12, 10 am – 12 noon

The season for relaxing in your garden outdoors may be coming to an end, but how can you part with those tender container plants that still look so robust just before the first autumn frost? This talk by **Jessica Story** will give you tips on bringing houseplants back into the home and address simple pruning techniques, propagation, and safe pest management to keep your indoor garden lush and thriving throughout the winter months. Feel free to bring your troubled plants for plant doctoring. Participants will receive a houseplant to take home. **Limit: 20. Fee: $23 members, $28 non-members.**

Walk: Putting the Garden to Bed
Thursday, October 19, 10 am – 12 noon

It's time to think about garden cleanup and preparing your hardy plants for the cold months ahead. Some stems and stalks can remain for winter interest, but some will need a blanket or two to keep them warm. **Glenn Ashton**, head gardener at Meadowbrook Farm, will show you how to make fall cleanup easy and fun! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Orchids 101
Thursday, November 9, 10 am – 12 noon

This class will introduce you to the basics of orchid care, including how to identify and correctly pronounce the plant names (which sometimes is half the battle). **Virginia Page-Hentschel**, indoor retail sales manager at Meadowbrook Farm and frequent Flower Show award winner, will share her expertise on repotting, watering, humidity, light levels, and simple propagation techniques. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

CLASSES

Autumn Accents in the Garden
Three sessions: Tuesday, October 3 & 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm; Saturday, October 14, 1 – 3 pm
PHS Auditorium (Tuesday classes) and Swarthmore (Saturday)

After the heat of summer, autumn comes as welcome a relief to the garden as well as the gardener! Adding to the sumptuous foliage colors of the season, many flowering plants find this an opportune time to bloom, and you can make this a truly exciting season in your garden by growing more of these plants.

In the first two sessions at PHS, horticulturist **Charles Cresson** will discuss bulbs and other fall plants and show how to use them in your garden design. He will also cover other fall activities and highlights to make this your favorite gardening season. The third session will be a tour of Cresson's garden, Hedgleigh Spring (directions will be provided), and each participant will receive an autumn plant for his or her own garden. **Limit 30. Fee: $175 members, $195 non-members.**

Charles Cresson is a garden designer, consultant, photographer, author and gardener. His garden, Hedgleigh Spring, is known for its collection of plants and combinations and four seasons of interest. He studied at the University of Vermont and the University of Bath in England, and has worked for the Royal Horticultural Society and W. Atlee Burpee & Co. He is the award-winning author of three books: *Charles Cresson on the American Flower Garden*, *Ornamental Trees*, and *Rock Gardening*. In 2001 he received the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Certificate of Merit. He is also author of the guidebook to Meadowbrook Farm.

***Please note*: This program is co-sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania College of General Studies. To register, please call 215-898-6479 or enroll online at *www.pennclasses.org*.**

Five Centuries of Botanical Illustration
Three Mondays, October 23 & 30; November 6, 6 – 7:30 pm
PHS McLean Library

This class, taught by **Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler**, will explore how botanical illustrations have communicated information about plants for medicinal, botanical, and aesthetic purposes. We'll evaluate the methods used to create published botanical art from the 16th century to the 20th century, from early woodcuts to more recent half tones. We'll discuss the influence of the Renaissance on botanical art and the subsequent importance of published illustrations to the botanists who named and classified plants. The aesthetic and botanical appeal of lavish 18th- and 19th-century folios, produced for wealthy subscribers, will be highlighted. We'll conclude with more recent botany and horticulture books that include art and/or photography. During each class, relevant books for each time period from the PHS McLean Library will be on display. **Limit: 20. Fee: $40 members, $50 non-members.**

McLean Library

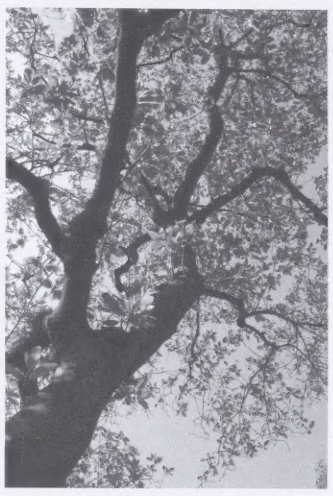
Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler is curator emeritus of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, where he has worked since 1962. He received his A.B. in botany from Colgate University in 1957 and his Ph.D. in botany from the University of Michigan in 1963. The author of dozens of publications, Dr. Schuyler's current research interests include the ecology of rare plant species, the relationships between plant diversity and environmental quality, and the history of botany and botanical illustration. He has taught at Swarthmore College, the University of Montana, Rutgers University, Millersville University, and Michigan State University. He presently

teaches adult education courses at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation, the Wagner Free Institute of Science, and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

COACH TOUR

Historic Trees of Philadelphia

Wednesday, October 4, 8:30 am – 5 pm (approximately)
Various Philadelphia Sites



Philadelphia has an august history as home to some of the world's greatest plantsmen. On this tour we will experience their legacy through the living evidence of their passion: the trees they planted. By visiting trees at Awbury Arboretum, Bartram's Garden, the Philadelphia Zoo, and various neighborhood sites, we will develop an appreciation for how these plantsmen worked together to develop the horticultural legacy we enjoy today in our region. **Marty Kromer**, curator of horticulture at the Philadelphia Zoo and a state-champion tree expert and enthusiast, will lead the tour. The bus will pick up participants at the Horticulture Center and PHS; please specify location when you register. **Limit: 20. Fee: $80 members, $90 non-members.** Fee includes coach, boxed lunch and snacks, and tours.

TROLLEY TOUR

Edens Lost & Found

Wednesday, October 18, 9 am – 3 pm
Philadelphia, PA

This trolley tour offers a unique opportunity to view the sights and meet the inspiring people featured in the Philadelphia segment of the acclaimed PBS series *Edens Lost & Found*. Filmmakers **Harry Wiland** and **Dale Bell** will personally lead the tour, which begins with a screening at PHS of the Philadelphia segment of the film. Then, board the trolley and visit filming locations where urban pioneers have created symbols of hope and community. The tour will take us to the Norris Square neighborhood for a fabulous lunch provided by Grupo Motivos. **Limit: 30. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

WORKSHOP

Botanical Illustration with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays: October 24 & 31; November 7, 14, 21, & 28; December 5 & 12, 10 am – 1 pm
PHS Classroom

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor and have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, creating form and dimensionality, and a discussion of brushes and paper. It is necessary to attend the first session of this eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome. **Limit: 15. Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.** Sign up early; this class usually has a waiting list!

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America.

McLean Library Events

Book Sale
Tuesday, October 3

The McLean Library Book Sale will be held Tuesday, October 3, 9:30 am – 5 pm in the library. Buy new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices. Book donations will be gratefully accepted until September 22, 2006. For more information, please contact library assistant Priscilla Becroft at 215-988-8772 or *pbecroft@pennhort.org*.

At 11:30 **Eriko Takahashi** will demonstrate the Japanese art of wrapping gifts. Ms. Takahashi is a book artist and practitioner of Japanese paper craft, paper making, and printmaking.

Library Book Club Reconvenes in October

Now in its sixth year, the McLean Library's **"Stories from the Garden"** book discussion group reconvenes in October after a summer hiatus. Each month, we'll read and discuss works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardens, plants, or the land. The group meets on the first Thursday evening of the month, beginning October 5, 5:45 to 7:45 pm in the library. While discussions are free and open to all, we ask attendees to pre-register by contacting Priscilla Becroft by email at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772.

2006 – 2007 Reading Schedule:

October 5	Robert Frost, *Selected Poems*
November 2	Herbert Mason, *Gilgamesh: a Verse Narrative*
December 7	Mary Doria Russell, *The Sparrow*
January 4	Jorge Luis Borges, "The Garden of Forking Paths" (short story)
February 1	William Gass, *In the Heart of the Heart of the Country* (selected stories)
April 5	Annie Dillard, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*
May 3	J. L. Carr, *A Month in the Country*
June 14	Italo Calvino, *The Baron in the Trees*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee	

Name: _____ Member ID# _____

Guest(s): _____

(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

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Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

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Registration information

Reservations are required for all PHS activities. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received 5 days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information about activities, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

Win this Nikon Digital Camera!

Enter the 2006 ***Green Scene*** **"Garden Photo Contest,"** sponsored by Ritz Camera, and win a Nikon Coolpix L4 digital camera. This year's theme will be **People in the Garden**, and we're hoping to see your best shots of friends, family, gardeners or just everyday nature lovers standing amidst the flowers and foliage. You can also enter your favorite **flower close-ups**, **garden** and **landscape shots**, or other **nature** images.

The contest's judges—all professional photographers and gardeners from the Delaware Valley—will be looking for superb images that capture the beauty of gardening and create a sense of community through horticulture. Winning photos will be published in the January/February 2007 issue of *Green Scene* magazine and on the PHS website.

For more entry information and deadlines, visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, or contact 215-988-8871 or *greenscene@pennhort.org* with your questions.

Fall Open House and Garden Tours at Meadowbrook Farm

Saturday, September 30, 2006
10 am to 5 pm

Enjoy a great day of fall shopping when Meadowbrook Farm hosts its annual Fall Open House on Saturday, September 30, from 10am to 5pm. Enjoy self-guided tours, fall-themed plantings and decorations, children's activities, and free demonstrations throughout the day. There will also be free refreshments, prize drawings and garden center and gift shop sales. **PHS Members, please present your membership card to receive a 10% discount.** (Discount does not apply to custom orders, labor, or delivery.)

Meadowbrook Farm, an affiliate of PHS, is located at 1633 Washington Lane in Abington Township. For more information, please visit *www.gotomeadowbrook.com* or call 215-887-5900.

Meadowbrook Farm

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Logan Square is Looking Great!

As the year draws to a close, so too does one of Philadelphia Green's most remarkable public landscape projects. Logan Square, located between the Philadelphia Museum of Art and City Hall on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, has undergone an extensive renovation of the landscape surrounding the Swann Memorial Fountain, and the results could not be more inspiring.

To celebrate the accomplishment, PHS is hosting a dedication ceremony on the square on November 6. The public is invited to attend the event, hear from the people who made it all happen, and see the improvements for themselves.

"The change is incredible," says Nancy O'Donnell, a director of Philadelphia Green. "I think the refurbishment reminded people why they love Logan Square; it's beautiful!"

The makeover included the installation of new benches, garden beds, and pathways. The perennials and shrubs selected for the site were inspired by the species collected by Lewis and Clark on their historic journey, which originated in Philadelphia. (Their botanical collection is housed in the nearby Academy of Natural Sciences.)

The most noticeable alteration is the new empress trees (*Paulownia tomentosa*) that encircle the fountain. These trees, specially grown by Longwood Gardens of Kennett Square, PA, replace the original empresses, most of which were sickly or in very poor condition.

Longwood cultivated several paulownias for this project; the most promising dozen then underwent a process of cutting back and root pruning in preparation for the big move. Although they may seem small now, empress trees are fast growers—they grow nearly three feet in a single month—and will give the landscape a mature look in a short time.

Longwood director Paul Redman says, "This project demonstrates the amazing results that can be achieved when local organizations and government join forces for the good of the community. Together, these groups have created a picturesque place for people to enjoy for years to come. Longwood was honored to be part of this important project."

Margaret Funderburg

Logan Square

The Fairmount Park Commission, which oversees the square and parkway, has been an invaluable supporter of the project, working with Philadelphia Green since the preliminary phases more than two years ago. Together the organizations will collaborate on the long-term maintenance of the landscape. Funding for the refurbishment came courtesy of Fairmount Park and The Pew Charitable Trusts, as well as the Boeing Company and the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America.

Fairmount Park executive director Mark Focht says, "We are delighted with the new look of Logan Square and look forward to working with PHS on a variety of projects in the years ahead, including further landscape improvements to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway."

– Daniel Moise

On the Web

PHS Annual Report Now Available Online!

The 2006 PHS Annual Report is now available on our website. Just visit the PHS website to read a summary of last year's accomplishments, including the Flower Show and the work of Philadelphia Green. You can also view a financial report for the year, as well as a list of PHS contributors.

Thank You to PHS Volunteers

At the end of each year, we celebrate the contributions of thousands of volunteers who help the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society fulfill its mission of creating a sense of community through horticulture. All year long, volunteers are donating their time to serve on committees, direct visitors at the Flower Show, staff the "Ask-a-Gardener" hotline, provide activities at Kids Grow Expo, and fill many other roles.

We invite you to visit the PHS website to view a complete list of all those who served on PHS committees during 2006. From all of us at PHS, our heartfelt thanks!

PHS Council members Anne Kellett and Jane Pollock pitched in at the 2005 Fall for Your Park event.

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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

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Traveling with PHS

For the past 25 years, I have taken an overseas trip each year with PHS members to visit gardens. Many of these trips have been to England and Scotland, and even though we visit 25 to 30 gardens on each trip, I have rarely been to the same garden twice. I am not exaggerating when I say that the UK is "thick with gardens."

Last June I went with members to visit gardens in Sussex and Norfolk. In a fashion typical of gardeners everywhere, our guides told us the gardeners had been telling them that "nothing" was in bloom because the spring had been so cold. "Nothing" to them was one long series of beautiful gardens to us. The sun shone from the day we arrived until the day we left, and we marveled at roses and delphiniums, smooth green lawns, and perennial borders that seemed to stretch forever.

PHS trips both in the US and overseas emphasize private gardens, with the occasional visit to public gardens—but usually before or after the garden is open for general admission. One such memorable occasion this June was a visit to Parham Park in Sussex, where we started with a walk around the magnificent Elizabethan house at 5 pm. As the sun was setting we toured the wonderful four-acre walled garden, then had supper in a cottage on the estate with Joe Reardon-Smith, the incredibly creative gardener who has made Parham such a special place to visit.

Parham

Like many big English estates, Parham has generous wide spaces with huge old trees and sweeping lawns, as well as a large walled garden where many gardeners once produced vegetables and flowers for the "big house." After World War I, the owners of these estates found it increasingly difficult to retain enough help to manage these gardens, and many of them, including Parham, gradually declined. Today, Parham has one of the most beautiful walled gardens in the UK, thanks to Joe and his partner, who have used a combination of perennials and vegetables to create a stunning presentation.

On PHS trips we visit large-scale gardens with centuries of history, as well as much smaller contemporary gardens, such as the Old Cottage in Colby Corner, Norfolk, where Judith and Stuart Clarke have created a paradise on less than an acre in the past six years.

Next summer, PHS members will have the opportunity to visit wonderful gardens in England, Wales, and Ireland, as well as on Long Island, New York. Please see page 5 for more information.

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

Growing the Future of PHS

Help us Meet the 1827 Challenge!

The 1827 Society is a special circle of PHS friends who, through generous annual contributions, demonstrate philanthropic leadership and commitment to the educational and community-outreach mission of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Since PHS established the 1827 Society in 1996, this leadership group has grown to 238 members who contribute more than $370,000 annually to support PHS programs.

As PHS has grown as an organization, increasing the membership and contributions of this group of friends has become critical to the success of our mission. This fall, we have restructured the 1827 Society with more incentives in new giving levels and increased recognition opportunities at the $1,250 Member level, $2,500 Patron level, $5,000 Benefactor level, and a President's Circle for major donors at the $10,000 level, which will include very special events with fellow President's Circle members.

PHS is most grateful to the following 1827 Challenge Fund Donors:

Lloyd and Thacher Brown
G. Morris Dorrance, Jr.
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Sally and George R. Graham, Jr.
Louise and Harry Hill
David P. and Alexis C. Hollander
Josephine Klein
Bill and Elizabeth McLean
Ann and Frank Reed
Alan P. Slack
John P. Swan
Teresa and Ken Wood

To kick off this new program, **twelve donors have promised to match, dollar for dollar, all new contributions to the 1827 Society as well as increased gifts from current members up to a total of $120,000**. 1827 Society members will then be recognized for the value of their gift *plus* the matching portion. In addition, all challenge participants who make gifts in 2006 will be honored at a special reception in a private home this January.

Over the past 15 years, PHS has played a key role in several important projects that have greatly increased the quality of life in Philadelphia. The funds raised by the challenge will be designated to support the maintenance of these projects, including the **26th Street Gateway** that connects the I-95 Platt Bridge with the Schuylkill Expressway and the new Swann Memorial Fountain landscape at **Logan Square** on the **Benjamin Franklin Parkway**.

To receive the new 1827 Society brochure or to participate in the challenge, please contact development director Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 or visit Membership Leadership Giving at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*.

Please see page 5 for information on a special event about year-end giving.

Tax Law Changes Affecting Estate Planning and Charitable Giving

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 was signed into law by President Bush on August 17. Several of the Act's provisions relate to estate planning and charitable giving, including the following:

- IRA account owners who have attained age 70.5 may now direct tax-free distributions from an IRA of up to $100,000 per year to private operating foundations and public charities (other than donor advised funds and supporting organizations) during 2006 and 2007. These distributions will count toward satisfying any minimum distribution requirement for an IRA.

For more information, please contact the development office at 215-988-8800.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Sharon Turner

For Sharon Turner, her association with PHS and Philadelphia Green is a family affair. She and her mother both became involved with Philadelphia Green in the mid-1970s, when Philadelphia Green was coordinating a window box and neighborhood gardening project in their North Philadelphia neighborhood. When a house was torn down on their block, Sharon and her mother worked with the program and with neighbors to start a community garden on the site.

Before long, Sharon's mother, Willie Mae Bullock, was serving as chair of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board. Sharon succeeded her mother in that job and has been a loyal volunteer ever since. She continues to serve on the Advisory Board and currently chairs its nominating committee.

What has kept her interest for 30 years? "It's a program with results you can actually see," says Sharon, noting that Philadelphia Green is now cleaning up vacant lots in her part of the city. "The program has evolved over the years. It makes my neighborhood look better, but it also makes the whole city look better."

Sharon also helps out at the Philadelphia Flower Show. She works at the Show Information Booth and helps staff the Philadelphia Green exhibit. "It's a fun thing to do. I've met people from all over the world at the Show," she says. "At the Philadelphia Green exhibit, I can talk up the program, and the visitors really like meeting the people behind the gardens."

Sharon has recently joined the PHS Education Committee and is excited to be a part of that aspect of PHS. "Education is such an important component of PHS," she says. "Children need to be exposed to gardening early."

Volunteering seems to come naturally to Sharon, who recently retired from a nursing career with the city's public health department. When a new bookstore opened in her neighborhood, she offered to help out. She now spends one afternoon each week reading to kids after school and helping them with their own reading skills. The store is a perfect fit since it maintains a small garden for children. "The kids get so excited about the garden," says Sharon.

2006 PHS City Gardens Contest

More than 300 entries were received for the 2006 City Gardens Contest. Unfortunately, space restraints allow us to list only a small number of winners. Following are the ***first-place* winners in the individual and community gardening categories**. For a complete list of all award winners, please visit the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*. Congratulations to all who entered, and thanks also to the 250 people who served as volunteer judges!

Individual Categories

Children's Gardens:
Carina & Aimon Flaherty

Combination Vegetable/ Flower Gardens
Diane Kunze & John Neugebauer
Toney Lucas
Debbie Rhoe
Frank Salvo

Container Gardens
Includes balconies, patios, decks, and rooftops
Jacqueline M. Alston-Morse
Craig Bailey
Alfred Rizzio
Tina & Randy Roberts

Flower Gardens
Andrew A. Borek
Ivey Galitan
Charlie Heiser
William Hughes
Renaldo James
David S. Ludlum
Ted Newbold & Helen Cunningham
Patricia Powers-Peteraf
Nelson Shores
James Stanley
Rosemary Tilli
Jennifer Zarro & Jeremy Frank

Vegetable Gardens
Lawrence King
Ernest Meyer
Michael Pavuk

Margaret Funderburg

A gardener at Schuylkill River Park

Community Categories

Children's Gardens
Blaine School—Strawberry Mansion Environmental Learning Center

Combination Vegetable/Flower Gardens
Las Parcelas
Villa Africana Colobo
Bel Arbor Community Garden
Fitzwater 2000 Community Garden
Schuylkill River Park Community Garden

Flower Gardens
Includes business gardens and gateways
Society Hill Towers Gardens
Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corp./7100-7200 Ogontz
Mayfair Community Development Corporation/7216–18 Frankford Avenue
Hands-On Garden of Associated Services for the Blind
Stillman Street Garden

Garden Blocks
2400 Block of Olive Street

The Greenest Blocks in Town
7900 Block of Gilbert Street

Parks
Friends of Cloverly Park
Friends of Bardascino Park

Vegetable Gardens
Glenwood Green Acres
15th & Butler Streets
The Southerners

Eugene E. Smith Memorial Award
Holly Street Neighbors Community Garden

Pete Prown

2400 Block Olive Street

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series presents workshops, lectures, and events for people who garden in small spaces. Held at neighborhood branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia and other locations in the city, **these events are free unless otherwise noted**. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872 or *citygardening@pennhort.org*.

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer... A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA

Tips and Tricks for Growing African Violets

Saturday, November 4, 1:30-2:30 pm
Roxborough Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6245 Ridge Avenue

Tropical Plants Indoors

Wednesday, November 29, 7 – 8 pm
Andorra Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
705 East Cathedral Road

Holiday Houseplants

Saturday, December 9, 1 – 2 pm
Joseph Coleman Regional Library
68 W. Chelten Avenue

Grant Update

A longstanding supporter of urban greening, the **William Penn Foundation** recently awarded PHS a two-year, 2.5 million dollar grant, beginning in fall 2006. The grant will help launch greening initiatives in target neighborhoods, help restore areas along the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, and work to inform and influence government policies regarding open space.

"We have big plans for this outstanding grant," says Mike Groman, senior director of Philadelphia Green. "As always, we are thrilled that the William Penn Foundation is continuing to support the growth and development of communities by investing in the city's green infrastructure."

Philadelphia Green Director Receives Eisenhower Fellowship

Philadelphia Green director Maitreyi Roy has received a 2006-2007 Philadelphia International Leadership Initiative Fellowship. The fellowship is part of a new common interest program examining urbanization opportunities and challenges created by Eisenhower Fellowships. Maitreyi will travel to Germany and Spain to explore sustainable development strategies and successful models of green open spaces in urban areas. She joins a network of some 30 Philadelphia fellows, including Pedro Ramos, the City of Philadelphia's managing director, and Aaron Posner, director of the Arden Theatre Company, as well as an international group of 1,700 fellows.

"We are delighted that a member of the PHS staff will have this wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas with urban greening leaders in other parts of the world," says PHS president Jane Pepper.

Maitreyi is a graduate of Harvard University and the Delhi School of Planning and Architecture. She joined Philadelphia Green in 1993 and leads Philadelphia Green's open space planning and environmental initiatives in collaboration with city agencies, nonprofit partners, and community institutions to address issues of reclaiming abandoned land and revitalizing neighborhood gathering spaces.

John Gannon

Maitreyi Roy

Eisenhower Fellowships is a private, nonprofit, non-partisan organization seeking to foster international understanding and leadership. Established in 1953 as a birthday tribute to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the organization has sponsored fellows from more than 100 countries. For more information please visit *www.eisenhowerfellowships.org*.

Sam Lemheney Visits Ireland: "It's More Than Just Green"

This past spring, Philadelphia Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney embarked on a whirlwind tour through the Irish countryside. He wanted to explore the horticulture, history, and art of the Emerald Isle, all to gain inspiration for next year's Show, "**Legends of Ireland**," which will be coming to the Pennsylvania Convention Center, March 4 through 11, 2007.

While Ireland is known for its "40 shades of green," he also found other colors in abundance. "Of everything I saw, the color of the Celtic landscape surprised me the most; the countryside there is absolutely beautiful. Everybody thinks it's all green, but Ireland has lots of shades of green and also a lot of floral color. We were there at a time when all the white hawthorns were in bloom. We saw big sweeps of yellow mustard flowers that were just phenomenal, as well as Queen Anne's lace. We were a little early for the heather, but you could see tinges of purple starting to poke through."

So how did Sam find inspiration for the upcoming Flower Show? "In the Central Feature exhibit, we're going to focus on two very distinct styles of Irish landscaping. One is a naturalistic style and the other is more of a formal style that you see in the estates and castles. The natural exhibit will be called 'Ealain Wood' and will feature massive faux trees that will tower over visitors. We wanted to give visitors a sense of standing in an ancient forest."

"Since the Flower Show will be about Tir-Na-nOg, the magical land of youth and beauty, we're also going to incorporate a few characters into the festivities. You may see fairies, satyrs, centaurs, and other characters that come up in Irish folklore. We're going to have some fun actors playing those roles and interacting with the crowd."

Storytelling has a long tradition in Ireland, and Sam heard colorful stories—and a few tall tales—wherever he went on his Irish tour. "Everyone there has a story, maybe something that his or her grandmother or great-grandfather passed down over the years. It seemed that every conversation sparked a story, such as a golf legend about a ball that was hit into a pond and suddenly popped back out and no one is sure why. If we were talking about gardening, there was often a story about some rare flower that suddenly started blooming and how the fairies helped make that happen. Or about how hawthorn trees can't be cut down because that would be bad luck for the crops. There are plenty of grand tales like that, and you will find a few at the Flower Show."

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW
March 4 – 11, 2007
www.theflowershow.com

Now back in the US, Sam is mulling over his experience, as well as exploring his own personal connection to the land of Eire. "My great-grandfather came over from the UK, so I only have a little Irish in me, but my wife is 100 percent Irish. Her family is from County Clare, so I married 'Irish.' In that light, I'm hoping that Ireland can adopt me...at least for one season."

– Pete Prown

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Treat yourself to the elegant Garden Tea at the 2007 Flower Show. Step into serene and elegant surroundings with soothing music and beautiful flowers. Enjoy a light menu of petit tea sandwiches, pastries, fruit and an assortment of fine teas. Reserve today!

March 4 through 11, two seatings daily,
12:30 – 2 pm & 3:45 – 5:15 pm
Admission: $26 per person plus Flower Show admission. Same day Flower Show admission is required and is not included in the price of Tea.

To make a reservation, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8879. Reserve early, as seating is limited. Seating is pre-assigned at tables for four to five people.

Special PHS Holiday Gifts

Give a PHS Membership

Looking for a unique gift for the gardener in your life? Consider a PHS "**Membership in a Box**." Give a friend a 'Star gazer' lily mug along with all the benefits of a PHS Household Membership, including tickets to the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show. For more information, please call 215-988-8776 or email ***memserv@pennhort.org***.

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Experience a Colonial-style holiday. **From November 29 through December 3**, Philadelphia's **Fairmount Park** is hosting its seasonal tour of historic houses, and the talented staff at Meadowbrook Farm has been recruited to decorate a room of the regal **Woodford Mansion**, which dates back to 1756. The decorated house is sure to capture the holiday spirit of generations past.

To extend the holiday experience, drop by Meadowbrook Farm for its annual **Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 2 from 10 am to 5 pm.** Visitors will be treated to free refreshments and invited to take a self-guided tour of the estate, fancifully decorated for the season with a mouthwatering "Gingerbread and Candy" theme. The Meadowbrook gift shop will offer an assortment of handcrafted ornaments and dreidels, holiday linens, jewelry, and much more.

The craft and activity station will keep young ones occupied as parents peruse the shop. **During the open house, PHS members will receive a 10 percent discount on all items** (PHS Members receive a 10 percent discount on live plants year round). Of course it wouldn't be Meadowbrook without a fine selection of plants and flowers. Holiday favorites, including holly, poinsettia, and evergreen wreaths are available, in addition to some less widely known, but equally beautiful species.

For more information on these exciting events, call 215-887-5900, or visit *www.gotomeadowbrook.com*.

MEADOWBROOK FARM

Travel With Us

Gardens on Eastern Long Island
July 23 – 26, 2007

On this four-day trip by private motor coach, PHS members and guests will visit gardens on the two peninsulas on the eastern end of Long Island, the south and north forks. "The Hamptons" on the south fork is famous for large estates and gardens. Although the north fork has a quieter feel, it also has wonderful gardens and is a major vineyard area. We'll visit one of the vineyards and learn about viticulture on Long Island.

Our itinerary includes outstanding gardens large and small belonging to prominent garden designers and artists. We'll see creative uses of plants at every turn, and we'll tour a well-known nursery to purchase some of the plants we admire along the way. Overnight accommodations will be at Baron's Cove in Sag Harbor, a famous whaling port in the 1800s.

Bus pick-up locations will be determined when registration is complete. PHS membership manager Betsy Gullan and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne will accompany the group.

The Gardens of Wales and Hampshire
June 10 – 21, 2007

Jane Pepper will lead another tour of British gardens, beginning in the mountainous country of South Wales and moving to the rolling downlands and chalk streams of Hampshire.

The hills and rivers of South Wales provide wonderful settings for public and private gardens. Highlights will include the spectacular National Trust garden at Powis Castle, as well as Penpergwm Lodge, where Catriona Boyle runs a well-known gardening school.

Powis Castle, Wales

The home of Irish garden writer and lecturer Helen Dillon

Hampshire has a wealth of superb gardens, many on the banks of charming small rivers, including Mottisfont Abbey, described as "surely the loveliest rose garden in Britain." PHS members will be welcomed at a variety of private gardens for tours and lunch, or for that favorite British tradition, tea.

The group will also spend a day in the ancient city of Winchester, with its massive medieval cathedral, and visit Romsey Abbey and other interesting historical sites in small country villages. Tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior will accompany Jane on this trip.

PHS Visits Ireland
June 20 – July 3, 2007

Legends of Ireland is the theme of the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show, and the exhibits will surely whet your appetite to see the real thing. So don't miss the chance to experience the beauty of Irish gardens during a PHS garden tour next summer.

The climate in Ireland allows a wide variety of plants to flourish, from palm trees to alpine plants, and the Irish gardening tradition is flourishing. In both the north and the south, we'll visit gardens created more than a century ago as well as some planted in recent years.

We'll enjoy warm Irish hospitality throughout our trip as we explore the Ards peninsula in County Down near Belfast, home to famous gardens such as Mount Stewart and Castle Ward. In Dublin, we'll visit one of the best-known private gardens; in Cork, we'll enjoy an array of old as well as contemporary gardens. We'll include natural wonders, cultural attractions, and beautiful scenery as we tour this captivating island.

Thanks to our 2006 Garden Visit Hosts

PHS would like to thank to the generous property owners who opened their gardens to PHS members for the 2006 PHS Garden Visits. Many thanks, too, to all the volunteers who help make this popular program possible, especially the Garden Visit Committee: Jill Evans (chair), Peggy Bowditch, Alice Doering, Kate Farrell, Sally Graham, Susan Hudson, Sylvia Lin, and Alan Slack.

Chestnut Hill Area, May 21

Jenny and Tony Aiello
D-J and Howard Brosius
Alice and Richard Farley
Emilie and Peter Lapham
Leslie and Thomas Purple
Ann and Frank Reed
Debbie Rodgers and Paul Meyer
Ginny Simonin

Meadowbrook Area, June 4

Gwen and Ed Asplundh
Ellen and Christopher Asplundh
Bryn Athyn Cathedral
Glencairn
Joan and Victor Johnson
Carol Covert-McMenamin and Bill McMenamin
Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook Bird Sanctuary
Bea Pitcairn

Bucks County, July 9

Barbara and Jay Belding
Meg Jamison
St. Mary's Hospital Healing Garden
Anne and Bill Pullis
Ginger and Richard Reynaud
Richardson House
Sheila Selby
Ann and Derik Sutphin
Jules Vassalluzzo
Susan and Michael Wert

Please check the PHS website for itineraries. If you would like to receive a printed itinerary, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

Special Event at Historic Woodford

What Everyone Should Know about Year-End Giving
Sunday, December 3, 2006

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's **Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society** for planned giving, in collaboration with the **Naomi Wood Trust's Woodford Mansion** in Fairmount Park, will host a holiday reception and presentation about year-end charitable giving options. Step back in time and experience the splendor of the holidays in this elegant, eighteenth-century, Georgian-style house with its impressive display of period rooms decorated for the holidays—and dining room decorated by PHS's own Meadowbrook Farm (see page 4).

In the spirit of holiday giving, our featured speaker, Paula M. Jones, of McCarter & English LLP, will address a variety of charitable giving options and offer ways to assess your own tax situation to maximize your charitable giving plans before the end of the tax year, including the new provisions for IRA Charitable Distributions during 2006 and 2007. Ms. Jones is a dynamic speaker who lectures frequently at national conferences, as well as a guest lecturer for Temple University. She is also the creator and producer of a public-access television series on estate planning basics, titled "WillPower: Wealthy or Not, Your Estate Matters."

The reception will follow the presentation, and Woodford guides will be on hand to provide tours of the estate and its extraordinary antiques and decorative arts collection.

Reservations are required, and space is limited. Please call development director Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 for details or to join the invitation mailing list.

Woodford Mansion

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PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Demonstration: Orchids 101

Thursday, November 9, 10 am – 12 noon

This class will introduce you to the basics of orchid care, including how to identify and correctly pronounce the plant names (which sometimes is half the battle). **Virginia Page-Hentschel**, indoor retail sales manager at Meadowbrook Farm and frequent Flower Show award winner, will share her expertise on repotting, watering, humidity, light levels, and simple propagation techniques. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Tour: The Legacy of Liddon Pennock

Wednesday, December 6, 10 am – 12 noon

This program includes an in-depth tour of Meadowbrook Farm's noted Robert McGoodwin-designed estate house and garden, dressed in gorgeous holiday finery. An experienced docent will guide us through the interiors, and **Ted Zoltowski** will take us through the adjacent gardens, providing an expanded discussion on the legendary style of J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., who was influenced by the eighteenth-century designer, Robert Adam. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Glass Bowl Terrarium with Gesneriads

Wednesday, January 17, 10 am – 12 noon

In the depths of winter, what could be better than to brighten your home with a lush green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure takes special attention. But once planted, your mini plant world is easy to care for. All the ingredients will be included in this hands-on workshop led by Meadowbrook horticulturist and Flower Show award winner **Virginia Page-Hentshel**, including a 10-inch glass bowl, soil and moss and, of course, small gesneriads, African violets and their relatives. **Limit: 20. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

FREE LECTURE SERIES

This winter and early spring, PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor two multi-session courses: *How Plants Work: Practical Plant Physiology for Gardeners* and *Botany Before, During, and After Linnaeus.* These courses are free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement. To register, please call 215-763-6529, ext. 23. Registration begins on Monday, November 13.

How Plants Work: Practical Plant Physiology for Gardeners

Tuesday, January 16 and five Mondays, January 22 through February 19, 6:30 pm. (Please note the first class is on Tuesday and the rest are on Monday.)
PHS Auditorium

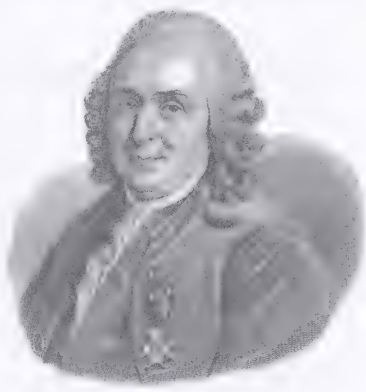
Knowing more about how plants work leads to a better appreciation of their complexity and a better understanding of how to meet their needs. This course will focus on select topics in plant physiology, namely how photosynthesis, water, minerals and hormones play a role in plant structure and growth. Presented by **Professor Karen Snetselaar**, lectures will include numerous photographs and animations that help make the dynamic aspects of plant growth easier to understand.

Karen Snetselaar is associate professor of biology at St. Joseph's University and professor of biology at the Wagner Free Institute of Science. She specializes in botany and plant diseases.

Botany Before, During and After Linnaeus

Monday, March 26 – April 30, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

Dr. Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler will present this course focusing on Carl Linnaeus in recognition of the 300th year of his birth, on May 23, 1707. We will discuss the relevance of Linnaeus's system of binomial nomenclature and the systems that he and later botanists devised to classify plants in hierarchical groups. Beginning our study with the early Greeks, we will consider how plants were named and classified from the fourth century BC to the present day.



Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler is curator emeritus of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences, where he has worked since 1962. He has authored more than 50 scientific publications and currently teaches at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation and the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			TOTAL FEE: $	

Name: _____ Member ID# _____

Guest(s): _____
(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number _____ Expiration: _____

Signature: _____

Registration information

Reservations are required for all PHS activities. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received 5 days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information about activities, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

TreeVitalize! Plant a Tree Today

Volunteers Needed

Over the past 15 years, millions of trees have died or been destroyed in Southeastern Pennsylvania without being replaced, diminishing the region's tree cover (the percentage of land shaded by trees). **TreeVitalize**, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, aims to reverse this trend by planting thousands of trees in the region. PHS has joined this cause and invites you to help plant trees at one of these locations this fall. PHS also encourages members to plant a tree in your home or community and enlist your friends and neighbors to plant one, too. For more information and rebate coupons, please visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* and click on "Learn about TreeVitalize."

All plantings are rain or shine. Please wear sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Organizers will provide gloves and tools. "Large trees" are 10 to 14 foot tall trees with soil balls that weigh 200+ lbs and are planted in three- to four-person teams. "Small trees" or "seedlings" range from one-foot seedlings to four-foot-tall container trees and are planted by one person.

North Wales, PA:

Saturday, November 4, 9 am
160 small trees
Mary Mother of the Redeemer School, Upper State Road, Contact Susan Greth 610-489-4506 ext. 19

Norristown, PA:

75 large trees
Elmwood Park, Contact Dawn Nicholson, 610-270-2947

Prospect Park, PA:

75 large trees
Contact Marise Stillman, 610-586-6152

Philadelphia:

Saturday, November 4, 10 am
90 large trees
West Shore/Spruce Hill, West Philadelphia, Contact Winnie Harris at 215-573-4684 or visit *www.ucgreen.org*.

Saturday, November 11, 9 am
20 large trees
Kensington, Contact Marlene Buck at 215-427-0350 ext. 122.

Saturday, November 11, 9 am
10 large trees
Port Richmond, Contact Patty-Pat Kozlowski at 215-816-3363.

Saturday, November 18, 9 am
29 large trees
Tacony, Contact Lou Iatarolla Jr. at 215-331-1551 ext. 103

Fairmount Park Plantings

Weekdays and Saturdays
100 to 300 small trees each day
Cobbs Creek Park, Contact Joe Caesar at 215-685-0277
Pennypack, Tacony and Poquessing Parks, Contact Jackie Olson at 215-685-0427
East Fairmount Park, Contact Jason Mifflin at 215-685-0278
Wissahickon Park, Contact David Bower at 215-685-2189

TreeVitalize
A partnership to restore tree cover in Southeast PA

2007 Plant Sales and Events List

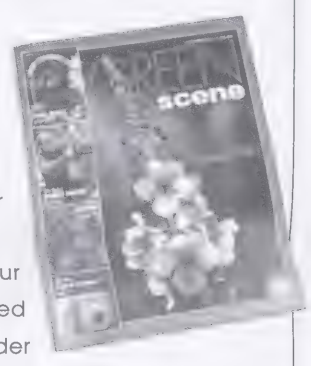
Each year PHS compiles and posts on its website a list of plant sales, exhibits, and other major annual events sponsored by local plant societies and other nonprofit organizations. To have your event included on the 2007 list, please complete a questionnaire and return it to PHS by December 31, 2006. **If your group's event has been listed in the past, you will automatically receive this form in the mail.** If you have never been listed or if your address or contact information has changed, please contact Daniel Moise (*dmoise@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8871), and a questionnaire will be sent to you.

PHS gives precedence to Philadelphia-area special events. Monthly meetings will not be included. **This listing is a service to our readers; items may be changed or deleted at the discretion**

New Cover Dates for *Green Scene*

What happened to the December issue of *Green Scene*? No, you didn't miss an issue. We're "re-serializing" the magazine starting with the new January/February 2007 issue (formerly known as the December issue). Henceforth, *Green Scene* will bear the following cover dates:

- January/February
- March/April
- May/June
- July/August
- September/October
- November/December



After discussions with our retail vendors, we decided to make this change in order to give *Green Scene* a longer "shelf life" on newsstands. But, rest assured, you have not missed an issue, nor has the duration of your membership been changed.

If you have questions, please give me a call at 215-988-8767 or email *greenscene@pennhort.org*.

– Pete Prown
PHS Director of Publications

Other Events

Urban Sustainability Forum Resumes

The **Urban Sustainability Forum**, a partnership between PHS and several environmental organizations, presents a series of monthly programs examining environmental and social conditions in Philadelphia. The Forum examines key issues with the goal of developing an action plan for making Philadelphia the greenest, most livable city in America.

The events are free and open to the public and are held on the third Thursday evening each month at the **Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Ben Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia**. For more information, please visit *www.sustainablephiladelphia.com* or contact Roland Wall at 215-299-1108 or *rwall@acnatsci.org*.

Thursday, November 16, 6 pm
Sustainable Transportation
How does transportation affect our quality of life? Why is it considered the largest source of "pork-barrel" appropriations in Congress? And what transportation choices will we have in the future? Come hear an exciting group of panelists show us how to change our transportation network to build more livable cities—and stop by the Academy during the day to get free rides on some of the vehicles of the future, including Bus Rapid Transit Systems (BRTs), hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles, and car shares!

Greensource is Back!

Greensource, a PHS program that promotes best sustainable practices in urban landscape design, will continue through Fall 2007, thanks to a grant from the **William Penn Foundation**. The series kicked off in September with a lecture and discussion of innovative stormwater management designs by Herbert Dreiseitl of Atelier Dreiseitl, of Uberlingen, Germany; more than 100 people attended. Next up was a gallery talk at Moore College of Art & Design featuring several prominent landscape architects from Philadelphia firms. The lecture coincided with Moore's exhibition *By Design: New Visions for the Parkway*, which showcased plans for Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway. **For information on upcoming events, please contact Julie Snell at 215-988-8868 or *jsnell@pennhort.org*.**

McLean Library Updates Speakers List

The PHS McLean Library is updating its list of speakers on gardening and related topics. This list is available to PHS members, local gardening clubs, and the public. Copies will be available in February, 2007. If you are a horticulturist who lives in the Mid-Atlantic region and would like to be included on the 2007 list, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772 and ask for a questionnaire.

Volunteer at the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW
March 4 – 11, 2007
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Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center as a behind-the-scenes volunteer from **March 3 – 11, 2007**. If you would like to help, please check the box(es) that interest you and return this form to PHS.

☐ **Exhibitor Aides**: Help exhibitors transport plants from D-Hall to freight elevator and to entry area. Entry-level job.

☐ **Runner**: Carry cards for corrections to and from typing table. Entry-level job.

☐ **Recorder**: Log information on plant entries. Attention to detail and an ability to keep calm under pressure are required.

☐ **Clerk**: Accompany horticulture or design judging teams; record judges' decisions and place award ribbons.

☐ **Infonet**: Welcome and direct visitors to the Flower Show, serve as Show floor or Concourse ambassador, or staff an information booth.

☐ **PHS Shoppe**: Sales and service assistants needed for the PHS retail shop on the Show floor. Retail experience preferred.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (daytime)_____Email _____

To sign up, **please return this coupon by December 1, 2006** to: Betty Greene, PHS, 100 N. 20th St., 2nd floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495; or contact Betty at 215-988-8826 or *bgreene@pennhort.org*. We will then contact you with more information.

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"Legends of Ireland" Comes to Philadelphia
March 4 – 11, 2007

Returning visitors are an essential component of the Philadelphia Flower Show's continuing success. For many, the annual March outing is a tradition met with eager anticipation. Regulars get a kick out of meeting up with familiar faces and seeing the latest creations from their favorite exhibitors. And while the Show staff strives to preserve time-tested favorites, they also enjoy devising new attractions that get people buzzing.

This year, for the "Legends of Ireland" theme, Show design director Sam Lemheney and his team have pulled out all the stops. The Central Feature (the series of exhibits in the center aisle near the main entrance) explores several Irish influences, both natural and formal, ancient and contemporary. This year's multifaceted displays will show Ireland in an artful and traditional light.

Upon arrival, visitors will first behold the **Living Wall**. According to Sam, this entryway is meant as a "portal" that will take visitors from everyday life into a world full of vivid colors and lush flora. Gnarled roots, cascading ivy, and knotted plant designs will provide an air of rustic beauty and fantasy.

Beyond the wall will stand the enchanted **Ealain Wood**, a combination of towering "trees" ascending to the Convention Center rafters and real specimens, including linden and smoke trees. But it's the hundreds of daffodils that may leave the most lasting impression. Several uncommon varieties will be represented, all with origins in Ireland.

The last leg of the journey will bring visitors to the **Knot Garden** and the **Castle of the Emerald Kingdom**. Rising high in the center of the regal garden will be a spectacular water harp surrounded by four large-scale floral displays of iconic Irish images. Noting the intricacy of the garden and its surroundings, Sam says, "Celtic knot work can be seen throughout Ireland. It is an amazingly precise and complex art form that I couldn't wait to emulate."

The Irish influence is surely contagious, and many of the Show exhibitors are putting their own spin on the "Legends" theme. New to the exhibit floor is Celtic Garden Imports, which has previously had a booth in the Marketplace. Returning presenters, including the Men's Garden Club and Robertson's Flowers, are among the other groups embracing their inner-Irish.

In the neighboring "It's Your Garden" section (located in Hall B), visitors will be dazzled by horticultural, educational, and artistic presentations. Design entries will include terraces, containers, jewelry, and other creations for judging. This year's new categories, hanging baskets and decorative hats, are sure to produce some inventive arrangements.

Adam Laipson

Daniel G. Kepich & Associates exhibit at the 2006 Show

Sam says, "Whether it's someone's first or 40th visit to the Flower Show, I guarantee they'll pick up some practical ideas for their own gardens and will leave smiling. 'Legends of Ireland' will be unforgettable."

– Daniel Moise

Philadelphia Flower Show
March 4–11, 2007

Pennsylvania Convention Center
12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA
www.theflowershow.com

Members' Preview: March 3, noon – 3:30 pm

GENERAL ADMISSION AT THE SHOW:
Adults: $28 on Opening Sunday (March 5),
$26 on weekends and $22 weekdays.
Children 2 – 12: $13 (good any day)

ADVANCE TICKETS:
Adults: $22
Children 2 – 12: $12
Group tickets (20 or more people): $21.50

For more information, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8899 (recorded information).

Avoid the crowds! The best viewing times are from 3 pm until closing.

Noted Irish gardener Helen Dillon appears at the Flower Show. See page 5.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

PEPPERPOT

An Inspiring Symposium

PHS has put on many conferences, but never one quite like *Growing Greener Cities: Symposium on Urban Environmental Issues in the 21st Century*, held in October at the University of Pennsylvania. From around the country came more than 45 speakers and 300 attendees to share ideas on making our cities more livable through environmental solutions. From Seattle and San Francisco, London and Lancaster, we had representatives from universities, nonprofits, municipal authorities, private foundations, and research and consulting organizations.

The catalysts for the conference were Harry Wiland and Dale Bell, producers of the wonderful documentary *Edens Lost & Found*, which has profiled organizations in four cities, including PHS and Philadelphia Green, that promote sustainable urban environments and the role community-based organizations can play. (The Philadelphia segment is available on DVD at *www.edenslostandfound.org*. Documentaries about Seattle and Los Angeles will be aired on PBS this month; check *www.pbs.org* for broadcast dates.)

Symposium sessions focused on how integrated management of natural resources fosters the social, economic, and environmental revitalization of our cities. The Penn Institute for Urban Research and the Media & Policy Institute, founded by Harry and Dale, joined PHS as co-organizers.

For me, it was a wonderful opportunity to better understand the dimensions of this enormous challenge we all face. At some moments during the discussions, I felt totally depressed. At others, I was inspired by the programs that are under way to help us make "Better Choices for a Greener Future" or safeguard our green infrastructure. The presence of many students and young people who have just entered this field gave me a huge lift.

One of the highlights of the two-day conference was the keynote speech by Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt Movement and 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate. In her native Kenya, Wangari started a tree-planting campaign, and 30 years later she has planted more than 30 million trees. Here's a woman who started small and achieved so much. Her message that evening was that if each of us will do the best we can, we can do great things together.

Many symposium participants were curious about the important role PHS plays in the greening of Philadelphia. It's "old hat" to us, but some were fascinated by the notion that PHS invests the revenues from its well-known Philadelphia Flower Show into city greening projects. As one participant from the West Coast said to me, "Only in Philadelphia!" The Flower Show is just one more way PHS helps to grow greener cities. Hope to see you there March 4 through 11!

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

While thousands of people flock to the Pennsylvania Convention Center each year to marvel at the grand displays of the Philadelphia Flower Show, few are aware of the amount of skill required to make each plant bloom at precisely the right time. To share its secrets for getting hundreds of species show-ready, Meadowbrook Farm staff will offer **a tour of the greenhouses on Thursday, February 22.**

Starting in the early fall, much of the staff at Meadowbrook goes into "Flower Show mode." In addition to its own garden display, the Abington Township-based garden center grows plants for several other Flower Show exhibitors. Meadowbrook's head grower Jessica Story says, "People expect Meadowbrook to be quiet in the dead of winter. Nothing could be further from the truth!"

The "Flower Show Behind the Scenes" guided tour will give visitors a peek at the preparation efforts. For the main exhibits, the Meadowbrook team has been cultivating an assortment of flowers, herbs, and shrubs that would make any gardener take notice. For the Living Wall tapestry, the list includes lobelia, dichondra, and an assortment of unusual succulents. Also in the mix are Alternanthera, teucrium, and Santolina hedges.

Meadowbrook's own exhibit ties into this year's "Legends of Ireland" theme. The traditional Irish garden—showcasing an abundance of green flora with splashes of bold color—will feature campanulas, lavender, delphinium, fuchsia, and ferns…lots of ferns.

"When you consider the factors involved in nurturing all those flowers—lighting, heating, watering, feeding—it seems impossible that one place could do it all. But the Meadowbrook team never seems intimidated by the task. They're actually excited by the challenge," says PHS education programs manager Chela Kleiber, who is organizing the tour.

Jessica says, "I think visitors enjoy seeing what's been accomplished so far and what remains to be done. But what really wows them is seeing a greenhouse full of color when it's 20 degrees outside."

For details on the tour, please see page 6.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
www.gotomeadowbrook.com

Shop at Meadowbrook Farm this Valentine's Day

Shop for someone special this Valentine's Day at Meadowbrook Farm. Choose from beautiful fresh-cut flowers, floral arrangements, container plants, and jewelry, including sterling silver and semi-precious stone jewelry.

Meadowbrook offers roses at $50 for a dozen boxed red roses with baby's breath and greens, or $75 for a dozen boxed extra-long stem roses.

PHS members receive an extra 20% off on all giftware on Valentine's Day (Wednesday, Feburary 14). Please provide 24-hour notice for custom Valentine's Day floral arrangements. Delivery is available, and supplies are limited.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: "The Brothers"

Stephen Edwin

Just about everyone who volunteers at the Flower Show knows "The Brothers." This dynamic duo has been a fixture around the PHS Flower Show Shoppe (located on the Show floor) for a more than a decade.

The brothers are Edwin and Stephen Jesiolowski, and they grew up in Northeast Philadelphia, where their father ran a busy florist shop (it's still in the family). "Everybody in the neighborhood worked for Dad at one time or another," says Stephen. Edwin recalls that Easter and Christmas were the busiest holidays at the shop, and friends, relatives, and former employees would all come and help out—like a family reunion.

"Just like those hectic times at my father's shop, there is excitement in the air at the Flower Show, when you're reunited with fellow volunteers and friends you haven't seen in a whole year," says Edwin. "In a way, I'm re-living my childhood."

Edwin began volunteering solo at the Flower Show back in 1975 and has not missed a single Show. He cajoled his brother into joining him in 1996. The two prefer to work together and consider it their "bonding time." Their skills—Edwin is an architect and Stephen an electrical engineer—are in high demand. During set-up week they can be found helping to put together the Shoppe shelving and displays, as well as transporting merchandise. They've been known to put in 11 and 12-hour days. They also help with what insiders call the "tear-down," dismantling the displays and carting things away after the Show closes.

During Show week when the PHS Shoppe is open, anything goes. Stephen once spent a few hours modeling silk scarves for female shoppers who were stymied trying to find a good view in the mirror. "It's all part of our 'schmooze routine,'" he says. The Brothers are also known for passing out goodies like candy, stickers, and pins to other volunteers and PHS staff.

"One thing that's really great about the Flower Show is that everybody is *so nice*," says Edwin. "You'll be getting dirty, lugging boxes with someone, and the next day you find out that person is the president of a bank or something like that. Everybody just works side by side."

Both Edwin and Stephen keep gardens at home, and both can throw together a holiday arrangement in a snap, something they learned at their father's side. "I made my first arrangement when I was seven," recalls Edwin. But neither has ever entered the Competitive Classes at the Show, preferring to work behind the scenes in the Shoppe. "I guess you could say we've found our niche," says Stephen. Edwin adds, "We'll be here 'til they kick us out."

–Jane Carroll

Mill Creek Farm—More than Just Veggies

West Philadelphia's Mill Creek Farm, built on one and a half acres of land once considered unusable, is one of the city's newest examples of urban agriculture as well as a demonstration model for stormwater management. Like the historic Mill Creek neighborhood around it, the farm blends the past, present, and future in startling ways.

The old creek that gives the neighborhood its name was long ago buried in a massive underground sewer. In the 1960s and '70s, subsidence badly damaged homes at 49th & Brown Streets—which had been built on unstable fill—and when the city ultimately demolished them, it left the rubble in place and covered it with a thin layer of topsoil. Neighbors made a community garden on half the site, but the other half sat empty for 30 years.

Then in 2005 the Philadelphia Water Department, with funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's "Growing Greener" program, formed a partnership with Philadelphia Green and the city's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative to help develop a new use for the site that would help address chronic flooding in the Mill Creek neighborhood.

The winning proposal came from Johanna Rosen and Jade Walker, who wanted to create an educational farm that would also help fill a need for fresh produce in the neighborhood. Aided by additional funding from the Claneil Foundation and design coordination and oversight from Philadelphia Green, the farm completed its first full growing season last year. Despite record heat, rains, drought, and hungry harlequin beetles, the crop included okra, broccoli, carrots, chard, eggplant, collards, kale, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, herbs, and more—all grown organically. Young fruit trees, including apple, pear, peach, plum, cherry, quince, and elderberry, grow along the perimeter fence.

Margaret Funderburg

Johanna Rosen (left) and Jade Walker at Mill Creek Farm.

Philadelphia Green engaged Virginia-based architect Fred Oesch to design a tool shed/washing station that looks primitive but is chock full of cutting-edge, "sustainable" design elements, which minimize impact on the environment. The building has a "green roof" covered with living plants, mostly sedums. Popular in Europe, green roofs absorb stormwater and keep buildings cooler.

The shed is constructed of 80 percent recycled or reclaimed materials, and its interior walls were finished with an ancient technique called "cobbing," which uses a reddish-brown mixture of clay, straw, and sand. Though there is no electricity on the site, solar panels will eventually power a pump that will send recycled water from the washing station into the irrigation system. There's a waterless composting toilet, too.

Philadelphia Green also worked with the Water Department and Cahill Associates, an environmental consulting firm based in West Chester, PA, to design two inlets that capture water on the west side of 49th Street. The water runs through pipes under the sidewalk to a swale planted with water-loving species, then on to the fruit trees beyond. The system has greatly reduced flooding on nearby streets.

Twice a week, Walker and Rosen sell produce to neighbors, who according to Rosen have been "amazingly positive" about the project. "People stop by all the time to see what we're doing," she says. "They're happy something is finally happening on this vacant lot."

School students have been involved in many aspects of Mill Creek Farm, from nurturing seedlings to decorating the building with mosaics. Rosen and Walker have big plans for more community outreach. Says Rosen, "We hope to expand the programming to offer more workshops and cooking classes. We'd also like to get a mobile market up and running, and maybe down the road, build a greenhouse and a classroom."

Pretty good for a vacant lot filled with rubble.

– Jane Carroll

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series presents workshops, lectures, and events for people who garden in small spaces. Held at neighborhood branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia and other locations in the city, **these events are free unless otherwise noted**. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872 or *citygardening@pennhort.org*.

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer... A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA.

Creating Lush Hanging Baskets

Saturday, January 13, 2 – 3 pm
Walnut West Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
201 S. 40th Street

Penn State Extension educator **Doris Stahl** will share her know-how and creativity in designing hanging baskets for any garden setting.

Fine Tuning Your Garden Design

Wednesday, January 31, 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Chestnut Hill Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
8711 Germantown Avenue

Award-winning garden designer **Toni Ann Flanigan** presents a slide show that takes a close look at aspects of garden design that give you headaches, and she will offer solutions.

On Saturday, September 30, more than 350 volunteers from across the city, as well as staff from Philadelphia Green, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, and Fairmount Park, assembled at Ferko Playground and Tacony Creek Park in Juniata to revitalize the neighborhood treasure as part of the annual **Fall For Your Park** event. The group painted murals; planted 17 trees, 9 shrubs and 500 bulbs; removed graffiti and litter; and helped restore a woodland area. Meanwhile, city employees rehabbed a baseball field and pruned the park's trees. For information about how to get involved at a park near you, please contact the Philadelphia Green Parks Revitalization Project at 215-988-8842 or *parks@pennhort.org*.

Inspired Philanthropy: Make Your Gifts Matter More

PNC WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Thursday, April 19, 2006

PNC Wealth Management, in collaboration with PHS, will host a presentation and cocktail reception at Pond Restaurant in Radnor, PA. We invite you to join us at this enchanting hideaway, complete with an outdoor terrace overlooking the gardens and swan pond, to hear from nationally recognized nonprofit entrepreneur **Tracy Gary**, who will discuss how you can have a greater impact through your charitable giving and help assure change in your lifetime.

Ms. Gary is a noted philanthropist, donor activist, and author who consults with a diverse range of organizations to improve and expand philanthropy and volunteerism. She has founded 17 nonprofits including Resourceful Women, the Women's Foundation of San Francisco, the International Donor Dialogue Network, and the Women Donors Network. Her latest venture is the Changemakers Fund, for which she is currently raising $20 million to expand and strengthen community-based philanthropy. She has appeared on "The Today Show" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and has been profiled in *Time*, *The Washington Post*, and other publications.

Ms. Gary will be available for comments and questions at the reception following her presentation. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet other donors who care about making a difference.

Space is limited, and reservations are required. Please contact PHS development director Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org* for details or to join the invitation mailing list.

PHS Receives Challenge Grant from the Independence Foundation

Gifts to the PHS Annual Fund help the organization carry out its mission to *motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture*. In addition to your membership, please consider making an Annual Fund gift this year; there has never been a better time. **The Independence Foundation has "challenged" PHS to raise an additional $30,000 in new and increased Annual Fund support, and will match the new and increased portion of all gifts made to the Annual Fund this year.** While proceeds from the Flower Show, along with funding from foundations, corporations, and government agencies, are vital sources of revenue that support PHS programs—including Philadelphia Green—contributions from individuals are equally important.

Please help us meet the Independence Foundation Challenge! Just fill out the form below and mail to: PHS Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. You may also make a secure payment online at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or by phone (call 215-988-8776 weekdays 10 am to 4 pm).

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2007 PHS Annual Fund and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

Please accept a gift of: ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other_____

I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership.

Check enclosed (payable to PHS) ☐

Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card # _____Expiration_____

Signature_____

Mail to: PHS Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Save the Date: Azalea Garden Party

Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 to 8 pm

Celebrate the arrival of spring among hundreds of spring-blooming shrubs at the **Azalea Garden Party** on **Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 to 8 pm**. This annual celebration, whose chairs this year will be Marilyn Sifford and Bob Butera, raises funds for year-round maintenance of the four-acre garden, located in Fairmount Park just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dress in your best garden hats and attire and join us for an evening of food, fun, and activities for the whole family. For information, please contact Ellen Wheeler at 215-988-8830 or *ewheeler@pennhort.org*.

Philadelphia Flower Show Preview Reception & Dinner

Saturday, March 3

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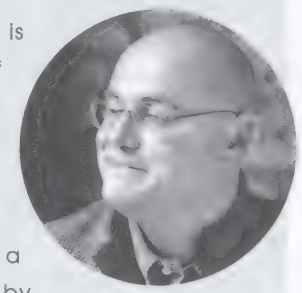
An elegant black tie gala, the Flower Show Preview Reception & Dinner is one of Philadelphia's premier social events, offering guests a leisurely view of the Philadelphia Flower Show the night before it opens to the public. By attending the Preview Reception & Dinner, you will not only enjoy a fun and elegant evening, but will also help support a good cause. Revenues from the Preview Reception & Dinner help fund PHS outreach efforts, including the acclaimed greening program, Philadelphia Green.



Ronan Tynan

This year's celebration is shaping up to be one of the best. Not only will guests enjoy cocktails and wonderful hors d'oeuvres among the exhibits, but they also will be treated to a special performance by Ronan Tynan, the extraordinary Irish tenor admired for his rendition of "God Bless America." Ragús, a company of brilliant young Irish musicians, singers, and dancers, will also perform.

New this year is the Corporate Advantage program. To thank corporations who buy at least one table of 10 at the Dinner, PHS will offer them cocktail tickets for young associates (up to age 45) at a reduced price of $200 each. The Corporate Advantage program "will introduce the next generation of supporters to the magic of the Philadelphia Flower Show," says Penny Hansen, chair of the Preview Dinner Committee.

For more information or to request an invitation, please contact Ellen Wheeler at 215-988-8830 or *ewheeler@pennhort.org*, or visit *www.theflowershow.com* and click on "PHS Events."

The Town and Country Experience

To celebrate this year's Irish theme, PHS is offering an extraordinary opportunity for one lucky winner and a guest to enjoy three nights each at the Merrion Hotel in Dublin and Ashford Castle (former home of the Guinness family) in beautiful County Mayo. The package includes airfare, spa treatments, and helicopter transport between hotels. No more than 500 tickets at $100 each will be available, so hurry and sign up today. You need not be present at the Preview to win. Look for details in your Preview invitation or on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*.

White Flower Farm Purchases Help Support PHS

Your membership dollars help support PHS programs throughout the year. Now you can help even more by taking advantage of an offer from White Flower Farm, the family-owned mail-order nursery based in Connecticut. Whenever you place an order with White Flower Farm, the company will rebate 10 percent of your order to PHS.

Simply provide the code PENHS on your next order, whether by phone, internet, or mail-order form. To browse the White Flower Farm catalog, visit *www.whiteflowerfarm.com*. For more information, please call the PHS Membership Office at 215-988-8776.

Special Event at the Flower Show

"An Irish Garden" with HELEN DILLON
Lecture and Wine Reception
Friday, March 9, 2007, 5 – 7:30 pm

Pennsylvania Convention Center, West Entrance
Room 103, Street Level

On **Friday, March 9**, enjoy a special evening at the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show. In celebration of the 2007 Show theme "Legends of Ireland," internationally known **Irish gardener Helen Dillon** will present an illustrated lecture, "An Irish Garden." Noted for her extraordinary ability to create magic with color, Dillon has lectured throughout Europe and the United States, impressing audiences with her energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge. Her garden in Dublin will be one of the featured destinations on the PHS trip to Ireland in June 2007. (See below for trip details.)

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Helen Dillon's lecture begins at 5 pm in Room 103A. Immediately following the lecture, enjoy a reception in Room 103B featuring Irish musical entertainment, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

The home of Irish garden writer and lecturer Helen Dillon

Advance reservation is required, and space is limited. The fee of **$55 for PHS members and $65 for non-members** includes lecture, wine reception, and Flower Show admission (hand-stamp entry issued at the reception upon request).

Register by sending a check (payable to PHS) to Betsy Gullan, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. You may also register by e-mail or fax (215-988-8810) using a credit card. For reservations or more information, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.

Membership Notes

Members' Tickets for the 2007 Flower Show

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Members, watch your mailbox for delivery of your complimentary ticket(s) for the 2007 Show. Tickets will be mailed the week of January 22. If you do not receive them by February 6, please call the membership office at 215-988-8776 or x 8832. When your tickets arrive, please put them in a secure place where you'll be sure to find them at Show time. PHS cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced tickets.

Membership Renewals

The months leading up to the Philadelphia Flower Show are the busiest time for PHS membership renewals. The best way to make sure you receive your 2007 Flower Show tickets on time is to renew your membership as soon as possible. It is easy to renew online at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*. Of course, you can still renew by mail, by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8832). Thank you for renewing early!

Travel With Us in 2007

Gardens on Eastern Long Island
July 23 – 26

On this four-day trip by private motor coach, PHS members and guests will visit gardens on the two peninsulas on the eastern end of Long Island, the south and north forks. "The Hamptons" on the south fork is famous for large estates and gardens. Although the north fork has a quieter feel, it also has wonderful gardens and is a major vineyard area. We'll visit one of the vineyards and learn about viticulture on Long Island.

Our itinerary includes outstanding gardens belonging to prominent garden designers and artists. We'll see creative uses of plants at every turn, and we'll tour a well-known nursery to purchase some of the plants we admire along the way. Overnight accommodations will be at Baron's Cove in Sag Harbor, a famous whaling port in the 1800s.

Bus pick-up locations will be determined when registration is complete. PHS membership manager Betsy Gullan and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne will accompany the group.

Courtesy of Carol Mercer

A private garden in Eastern Long Island

Powis Castle, Wales

The Gardens of Wales and Hampshire
June 10 – 21

Led by Jane Pepper, this tour will begin in the mountainous country of South Wales and move to the rolling downlands and chalk streams of Hampshire.

The hills and rivers of South Wales provide wonderful settings for public and private gardens. Highlights will include the spectacular National Trust garden at Powis Castle, as well as Penpergwm Lodge, where Catriona Boyle runs a well-known gardening school.

Hampshire has a wealth of superb gardens, including Mottisfont Abbey, described as "surely the loveliest rose garden in Britain." PHS members will be welcomed at a variety of private gardens for tours and lunch, or for that favorite British tradition, tea.

The group will also spend a day in the ancient city of Winchester, with its massive medieval cathedral, and visit Romsey Abbey and other interesting historical sites in small country villages. Tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior will accompany Jane on this trip.

LIMITED SPACE, call now to register!

Itineraries are available on the PHS website. For a printed itinerary, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

PHS Visits Ireland
June 20 – July 3

Ireland's landscape is said to contain more than 40 shades of green, but its real magic lies in the warm Irish hospitality and in the country's breathtaking scenery, wonderful gardens, and interesting natural wonders and historic sights.

Gardeners in Ireland take advantage of the mild climate to grow an amazing range of plants. We'll visit private and public gardens in Northern Ireland as well as in the Republic of Ireland, enjoying recently created gardens and others tended by the same families for generations. We'll meet horticultural leaders from Belfast and Dublin in the eastern part of the island to Galway in the west.

Although PHS has sponsored trips to Ireland before, most of the gardens and destinations on this tour will be new to us. We'll also visit some of the country's great natural wonders—the Burren, Giant's Causeway, and the Cliffs of Moher—as well as historic sights like the Rock of Cashel and Quin Abbey.

Marianne Gorman, our Irish guide, is knowledgeable about Irish gardens, history, and culture. Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne, PA, and Betsy Gullan, PHS membership manager, will accompany the group.

Private garden in Ireland

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Workshop: Glass Bowl Terrarium with Gesneriads

Wednesday, January 17, 10 am – 12 noon

In the depths of winter, what could be better than to brighten your home with a lush green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure takes special attention. But once planted, your mini plant world is easy to care for. All the ingredients will be included in this hands-on workshop led by Meadowbrook horticulturist and Flower Show award winner **Virginia Page-Hentshel**, including a 10-inch glass bowl, soil and moss and, of course, small gesneriads—African violets and their relatives. **Limit: 20. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

Tour: Flower Show Behind the Scenes

Thursday, February 22, 10 am – 12 noon

This behind-the-scenes tour of Meadowbrook Farm's magical greenhouses will focus on the art and science, and the successes and challenges of forcing plants for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will introduce us to some of the unusual plants he is growing for Meadowbrook and other major exhibitors at the 2007 Show. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

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Meadowbrook Farm greenhouse

FREE LECTURE SERIES

This winter and early spring, PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor two multi-session courses: *How Plants Work: Practical Plant Physiology for Gardeners* and *Botany Before, During, and After Linnaeus.* These courses are free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement. **To register, please call 215-763-6529, ext. 23.**

How Plants Work: Practical Plant Physiology for Gardeners

Tuesday, January 16 and five Mondays, January 22 through February 19, 6:30 pm. (Please note the first class is on Tuesday and the rest are on Monday.)
PHS Auditorium

Knowing more about how plants work leads to a better appreciation of their complexity and a better understanding of how to meet their needs. This course will focus on select topics in plant physiology, namely how photosynthesis, water, minerals and hormones play a role in plant structure and growth. Presented by **Professor Karen Snetselaar**, lectures will include numerous photographs and animations that help make the dynamic aspects of plant growth easier to understand.

Karen Snetselaar is associate professor of biology at St. Joseph's University and professor of biology at the Wagner Free Institute of Science. She specializes in botany and plant diseases.

Botany Before, During and After Linnaeus

Monday, March 26 – April 30, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

Dr. Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler will present this course focusing on Carl Linnaeus in recognition of the 300th anniversary of his birth on May 23, 1707. We will discuss the relevance of Linnaeus's system of binomial nomenclature and the systems that he and later botanists devised to classify plants in hierarchical groups. Beginning our study with the early Greeks, we will consider how plants were named and classified from the fourth century B.C. to the present day.

Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler is curator emeritus of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences, where he has worked since 1962. He has authored more than 50 scientific publications and currently teaches at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation and the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS activities. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information about activities, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			TOTAL FEE: $	

Name: _____ Member ID# _____

Guest(s): _____
(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

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Signature: _____

EDUCATION cont'd

EVENING LECTURE

Irish Gardens: Traditional to Contemporary

Tuesday, February 27, 6 pm
PHS Auditorium

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In the words of the seventeenth-century British statesman Lord Orrery, "Nature has been profusely beneficent to Ireland. Here we are beholden to nothing but Creation; there, in England, you are indebted to extensive gardeners and costly Architects."

Highlighting the Irish theme of the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show, London-based, internationally known landscape designers and authors **Guy Cooper and Gordon Taylor** will present an illustrated lecture on some of the most exciting gardens in Ireland, from classic to modern. Ireland's climate of soft rain, warm sunshine, and mild Gulf Stream temperatures make these magical gardens flourish. We will explore a garden-design spectrum ranging from the grandeur of Mount Stewart in County Down to the great baroque Powers Court and superb river garden at Mount Usher near Dublin. We will delight in the exotic plantings from China, India, and Tasmania on Ilnacullin Island in Bantry Bay, the cozy but formal vegetable gardens of a world-class restaurant at Ballymaloe in Cork, and many more, showing the wonderful diversity of Irish gardens.

Garden designers, writers, and television presenters, Guy Cooper and Gordon Taylor have written 13 books on garden design and presented two television series. They have designed gardens and landscapes throughout the UK (including the estate of Sir Elton John), France, Spain, USA, and Ireland. Visit their website at *www.coopertaylor.com*. **Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

Note: The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments and wine.

Urban Sustainability Forum

The Urban Sustainability Forum, a partnership between PHS and several environmental organizations, presents a series of monthly programs examining environmental and social conditions in Philadelphia. The Forum examines key issues with the goal of developing an action plan for making Philadelphia the greenest, most livable city in America.

The events are free and open to the public and are held on the third Thursday each month at the **Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Ben Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia**. For more information, please visit *www.sustainablephiladelphia.com* or contact Roland Wall at 215-299-1108 or *rwall@acnatsci.org*.

Thursday, January 18
"Food: Access and Accountability"
Reception 6 pm; program begins at 6:30 pm.

Find out more about our local and national food networks and how to spend your food dollars in a way that is healthy for you and the environment. Co-sponsored by Fair Food, a project of the White Dog Cafe Foundation.

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At the Flower Show

The Hive Lounge

Looking for a fun, relaxed way to begin or conclude your Flower Show experience? Stop by the Hive Lounge, located in the Grand Concourse Hall of the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Open from 5 to 8:30 pm every day

except Sunday, the Hive is perfect for meeting friends, sipping a martini, and taking in live local music. Best of all, admission is free for all Flower Show visitors.

The intimate space is tucked away from the busy Flower Show floor. A cash bar is available in addition to free appetizers courtesy of popular Center City restaurants. Stop by from 5 to 6 pm and enter to win prizes. Later in the evening, hear talented bands play their hearts out. The full schedule of performers can be found online at *www.theflowershow.com/attractions*.

Allot some time for the Hive to see what *the buzz* is about.

Early Morning Tours at the Flower Show

Early Morning Tours, available to groups and individuals, provide a unique opportunity to experience the Flower Show before it opens to the public. Well-informed, enthusiastic volunteer guides will conduct tours at 8 am Monday, March 5 through Friday, March 9 (Monday is sold out!). Reservations for groups of eight or more people are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited each day. A limited number of spaces are also available each day for individual reservations.

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The cost of an Early Morning Tour is $105/person. **PHS members are offered a special rate of $85/person.** For more information and a registration packet, please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *earlymorningtours@pennhort.org*.

Plan Your Next Private Party at the Flower Show

If your organization or business is looking for a unique venue for entertaining clients, look no further than the Philadelphia Flower Show. Elegantly appointed suites that appeal to corporate professionals, medical associations, alumni groups, and others await you at the Show. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Anderson at 215-988-8837 or *eanderson@pennhort.org*.

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

There are still a few slots available at the elegant Garden Tea at the 2007 Flower Show. Step into serene and elegant surroundings with soothing music and beautiful flowers. Enjoy a light menu of petit tea sandwiches, pastries, fruit and an assortment of fine teas. Reserve today!

March 4 through 11, two seatings daily,
12:30 – 2 pm & 3:45 – 5:15 pm
Admission: $26 per person plus Flower Show admission. Same day Flower Show admission is required and is not included in the price of Tea.

To make a reservation, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8879. Seating is pre-assigned with four to five people at each table.

City Gardens Contest Winners on Display

Visit the Gallery mall in downtown Philadelphia from Monday, January 22 through Sunday, January 28, when you can view photographs of the winning gardens in the 2006 PHS City Gardens Contest. The exhibit will be shown near the entrance to Market East train station. Don't miss it!

Congratulations to the "Class of 2006" PHS City Gardens Contest winners! Most of the winners are pictured on the stairs inside the lobby of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia. They were there for the City Gardens Contest Awards Reception on Sunday, October 1. About 450 people gathered to celebrate the gardeners' accomplishments.

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McLean Library Updates Speakers List

The PHS McLean Library is updating its list of speakers on gardening and related topics. This list is available to PHS members, local gardening clubs, and the public. Copies will be available in February, 2007. If you are a horticulturist who lives in the Mid-Atlantic region and would like to be included on the 2007 list, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772 and ask for a questionnaire.

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The Philadelphia Flower Show: An Educational Experience

Not only can you see spectacular exhibits at the Flower Show, but you can also get an education—about gardening and a whole lot more. These free presentations will make you want to spend the entire day at the Flower Show. So, don't forget to bring a notepad and pencil with you to the Show! Here are just a few selected offerings for eager learners. (Please visit *www.theflowershow.com* for details.)

ON THE BRIDGE CONCOURSE

Lectures & Demonstrations

Held in Rooms 201B and 201C, the Lectures & Demonstrations series presents celebrated speakers on a wide array of horticultural topics, including flower arranging, container gardening, pest control, Ikebana, and orchids. *Country Gardens* magazine will host a full day of lectures, and, in keeping with this year's Celtic theme, several Irish speakers will appear on March 10. There are eight to twelve lectures each day.

All-Star Culinary Presentations

Hosted by Chef Joseph E. Shilling and the Art Institute of Philadelphia Culinary School, these free live cooking demonstrations are given by local celebrity chefs three times each day. Pick up some tips from experts who will dish up everything from spicy Cuban cuisine to heart-healthy vegetarian fare.

SHOW FLOOR: LANDSCAPE DISPLAYS (HALL A)

While you may not be able to re-create the grand landscape displays on the main Show floor, you can learn plenty about balance, color, and arrangement while taking in the large exhibits. What's more, exhibitors will offer take-home tips for visitors. "People will be able to pick up some useful advice for their own gardens," says Show design director Sam Lemheney.

SHOW FLOOR: "IT'S YOUR GARDEN" (HALL B)

Gardener's Studio

Located in Hall B, the Gardener's Studio offers demonstrations and gardening tips throughout the day right on the Show Floor. Passionate gardeners will share their knowledge about orchids, roses, African violets, daylilies, herbs, and PHS Gold Medal plants. Bartlett Tree Experts will present several sessions on tree care, and the Philadelphia Zoo is cooking up a session that will include live animals. Representatives from several local gardens, including the Scott Arboretum, Chanticleer, and Jenkins Arboretum, will also participate.

Educational Exhibits

Local colleges, environmental and educational organizations, plant societies, and government agencies are planning plenty of thought-provoking displays. At the **TreeVitalize** booth, you can learn how trees help fight global warming. (TreeVitalize is a program of the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources that is working to restore in southeastern Pennsylvania's depleted tree canopy.)

The **PHS Gold Medal Plant Award** exhibit will showcase award-winning trees, shrubs, and woody vines for the Mid-Atlantic region. Volunteers from the Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association will answer questions about Gold Medal plants. (Learn more at *www.goldmedalplants.org.*)

The Delaware Valley College, Department of Ornamental Horticulture and Environmental Design, will present the "21st Century Homestead," emphasizing native plants and recycled materials to create a sustainable landscape. **The Horticulture Academy at Abraham Lincoln High School** will mount an exhibit inspired by the centuries-old Celtic alphabet, called Ogham, which had characters based on trees. And, the **Philadelphia Society of Botanical Illustrators'** exhibit, "An Irish Granny's Garden," will celebrate the common names of plants. The display presents portraits of familiar plants and invites you to guess how each flower got its name.

PLAN AHEAD TO LEARN MORE

The Flower Show offers a full range of educational opportunities, special events, shopping, and fun. Pick up an Official Show Program at the information booth near the Show entrance or visit *www.theflowershow.com* for an up-to-date list.

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Pennsylvania Convention Center
12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA

www.theflowershow.com

Members' Preview: March 3, noon – 3:30 pm

GENERAL ADMISSION AT THE SHOW:
Adults: $28 on Opening Sunday (March 5),
$26 on weekends and $22 weekdays.
Children 2 – 12: $13 (good any day)

ADVANCE TICKETS
(available online and at sales outlets listed online):
Adults: $22 • Children 2 – 12: $12
Group tickets (20 or more people): $21.50

Recorded information: 215-988-8899

Avoid the crowds! The best viewing times are from 3 pm until closing.

Floral arranger Kevin Hills speaks to a standing-room only crowd at the 2006 Flower Show, as part of the Lectures & Demonstrations series.

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PEPPERPOT

A Bountiful Harvest

As I look forward to the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show, I'm reminded that the Flower Show bears fruit all year long by providing funds for PHS programs, including Philadelphia Green. A new Philadelphia Green project launched last year, City Harvest, is just one example of how the purchase of a Flower Show ticket can change lives.

On a warm afternoon last October, PHS staff members invited me to attend a wonderful celebration that, for me, brought together all the elements of our mission *to motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture*. Present that afternoon were inmates and officers of the Philadelphia Prison System, community gardeners from across the city, and representatives from the nonprofit organization SHARE.

That afternoon, we were at the ASD Correctional Unit, Philadelphia Prison System (PPS), located near the intersection of I95 and Cottman Avenue, to celebrate the achievements of City Harvest. Through this new program, funded by The Alfred M. Greenfield Foundation, we were able to help inmates and staff at PPS renovate a greenhouse that had not been functional since 1998. Working with staff from both PHS and PPS, several inmates grew 19,000 vegetable seedlings in this greenhouse that were then provided to 21 Philadelphia community gardens and also planted in the garden at this Prison System Correctional Unit.

Over the summer, gardeners produced more than 6,200 pounds of produce, which they distributed to food cupboards across the city with assistance from SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange), an organization that distributes food to families in need and supports a network of soup kitchens and food cupboards in Greater Philadelphia.

On that October afternoon, it was so moving to hear inmates talk about the pleasure the garden had brought them and how much they had learned, not only about growing vegetables, but also about growing their own hopes and dreams for the future. And, from Steveanna Wynn, executive director of SHARE, I learned that more than 70,000 people in Philadelphia lack adequate food daily. For those able to access it this past summer, the fresh produce was a real joy.

As part of our celebration, we enjoyed bounty from the garden, including a medley of roasted root vegetables, pumpkin pies and breads, spinach lasagna, broccoli and greens. As we munched, staff from each agency, community gardeners, and inmates discussed the endless possibilities of expanding and increasing the effectiveness of the program this spring. Clearly, the bounty of this harvest extends far beyond one delicious, memorable meal.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Stop by **Meadowbrook Farm's exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show, March 4 to 11**. In keeping with the "Legends of Ireland" theme, the Meadowbrook team will construct a traditional walled garden. But rather than replicate one particular property, designer Nina Schneider called upon a wide variety of sources, selecting her favorite elements from each. Pamela Kates (née Moloney), a longtime Meadowbrook employee and native of Ireland, supplied the exhibit's Irish title, *Gairdín le balla na hEireann* (meaning "the walled garden of Ireland").

The exhibit will include a cavalcade of colors featuring campanula, lavender, delphinium, fuchsia, and ferns. Hedges and trees will add structure and balance. Meadowbrook's head grower Jessica Story says, "Because it's a walled garden, each angle will offer a different perspective. It should be very dynamic."

Many of the plants featured in the exhibit will be available for sale at Meadowbrook Farm, enabling Show visitors to emulate what they see. Jessica says, "Be sure to stop by in the spring and summer to take home a little bit of the Flower Show." *– Daniel Moise*

MEADOWBROOK FARM
www.gotomeadowbrook.com

2006 Suburban Greening Awards

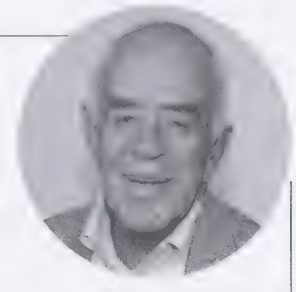
Congratulations to the following recipients of the 2006 Suburban Greening Award, which recognizes outstanding public-space plantings in suburban Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Delaware. Winners received framed certificates and signs to display in their gardens.

(Winners are listed alphabetically by municipality.)
Town of Bethany Beach, Bethany Beach, DE
Blumenplatz Musikfest Garden, Bethlehem, PA
The Garden of Serenity, Bethlehem, PA
Township of Cheltenham, Cheltenham, PA
Mother's Walk Garden, Collegeville, PA
Universal Accessible Garden, Collegeville, PA
Woodlawn Avenue and Woodlawn Terrace Triangle Planting, Collingswood, NJ
St. John's Memorial Garden, Devon, PA
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Prayer Garden, Doylestown, PA
Sayen Gardens, Hamilton, NJ
Hatboro Town Entrance, Hatboro, PA
Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, Huntingdon Valley, PA
Highmeadow Park, Media, PA
Alex Damevski, DMD, Dental Office, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Plymouth Green Office Campus, Plymouth Meeting, PA
Riverton Train Station, Riverton, NJ
Rosie's Garden, Roslyn, PA
East Vincent Township Community Park on the Ridge, Spring City, PA
Springfield Library Garden, Springfield, PA
Presby Memorial Iris Garden, Upper Montclair, NJ
Warminster Community Park, Warminster, PA

The Garden of Serenity, Bethlehem, PA

To nominate a site for a 2007 Suburban Greening Award, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *fnarducci@pennhort.org*. Deadline is June 30.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Louis Hood



If you have a question about a plant you see in a Flower Show exhibit, you can stop by the Horticultural Information Booth, where you may find the friendly face of Louis Hood.

Louis' association with PHS began in 1984, when Jane Pepper asked him to serve on the Horticultural Hotline (now Ask a Gardener) in the McLean Library. "She collared me one night at the Academy of Music," says Louis, who for 18 years was director of public relations for the Philadelphia Orchestra. Louis and his wife Bitsy had a large garden in Wayne that had been featured in several PHS garden tours. The two-acre property included a naturalistic woodland garden on a steep hillside, and it consumed most of Louis' time after he retired from the Orchestra.

After he left his job, Louis and his wife took classes in gardening and horticulture, but he says he has learned the most by "meeting and talking with other gardeners," and the Flower Show provides a great opportunity to do that. In the past, Louis served on the Passing Committee and now leads Early Morning Tours in addition to staffing the Horticultural Information Booth. He has also helped out with the Gardener's Studio, where demonstrations and lectures provide gardening education on the Show floor. "The Flower Show is the highlight of the winter," he says. "The landscape displays are incredible."

Louis and Bitsy—also a former PHS volunteer—now live in a retirement community, where Louis cares for a small garden. "It's all sun," he says, "I don't know what to do with it!" Still a faithful Ask a Gardener volunteer, Louis answers phones about once each month. "I greatly enjoy the phone calls [as opposed to answering questions by email] because you can really have a discussion with someone," he says.

Louis also serves on the PHS membership committee. He says he feels good about helping an organization whose work is "certainly worthwhile." He concludes, "PHS is efficient, friendly and wonderful." *–Jane Carroll*

PHS Receives Awards for Logan Square Renovation and Parks

"Headliner Award" for Logan Square

PHS has received a "Headliner Award" from the Greater Philadelphia Hotel Association for leading the renovation of Logan Square. Each year, the Association honors individuals and organizations that make the city more attractive to tourists, and the Headliner Award recognizes "key players who have had a positive impact on the tourism industry in Philadelphia." In addition to PHS, other Headliner recipients include the Waterworks; Once Upon a Nation (for restoration of Franklin Square near the Ben Franklin Bridge); and the Schuylkill River Development Corporation, the driving force behind the new Schuylkill Banks greenway along the river in Center City.

"It's wonderful that all four Headliner Awards this year went to major landscape improvement projects in Fairmount Park," notes Nancy O'Donnell, who directs PHS's public landscapes and design services work. "I think it shows a growing recognition that well-kept public spaces have a significant impact on the city's economic vitality." The refurbishment of Logan Square, completed in November, was managed by PHS and was funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts and the Fairmount Park Commission, with additional funding from the Boeing Company and the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America.

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Nancy O'Donnell (fourth from left) accepted the Headliner Award at a ceremony on December 11 at the Hyatt Regency at Penn's Landing.

Parks Revitalization Project Recognized by City

Philadelphia Green's Parks Revitalization Project partners with volunteer groups, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, and the Fairmount Park Commission to clean, beautify and maintain more than 70 neighborhood parks throughout the city, making them thriving centers of community life. At its annual year-end "Party for the Parks" celebration last December, the PHS parks team was surprised with a beautiful crystal vase representing the "Decade of Achievement Award" from the Department of Recreation.

"The award means a great deal to us," says Joan Reilly, a Philadelphia Green director. "It is a privilege to work in this amazing partnership and to have the work recognized in such a special way by the Philadelphia Department of Recreation and its Commissioner Victor Richards only deepens our commitment to this vital work."

– Jane Carroll

The Philadelphia Green parks team. From left to right: Joan Reilly, Takkeem Morgan, Paul Bonfanti, Kim Massare, C.R. Robinson, Julie Woodard, Leslie Henderson, and Claire Baker.

Daniel Moise

Philadelphia Green at the Flower Show

The Philadelphia Flower Show is known for displays of robust colors; red, yellow, purple, and pink can be found in abundance. But as stunning as those are, the color that really counts is *green*. Revenues earned at the Flower Show help support PHS's outreach efforts, particularly its acclaimed Philadelphia Green program.

This relationship between the Flower Show and Philadelphia Green will be the subject of the Philadelphia Green exhibit this March. PHS's education activities manager Flossie Narducci says, "We want to make it clear to visitors that by attending the Show they're supporting tree plantings, the refurbishment of Philadelphia landmarks, and the preservation of parks and gardens—to name just a few of the outstanding projects."

The exhibit will include a slide show and beautiful photographs of successful Philadelphia Green projects and events. Take a few minutes to wander through the display and learn how you're helping keep the city green just by being at the Show.

– Daniel Moise

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series presents workshops, lectures, and events for people who garden in small spaces. Held at neighborhood branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia and other locations in the city, **these events are free unless otherwise noted**. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872 or *citygardening@pennhort.org*.

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer... A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA.

Container Gardening

Monday, February 12, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Independence Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
18 S. 7th Street

Horticultural educator Janet Carter will share creative ideas on assembling an attractive container garden using a variety of plants.

Designing Containers for the Small Garden

Monday, March 26, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute
1905 Locust Street

Garden writer and educator Eva Monheim gives tips for creating container gardens for indoor and outdoor plants.

Herbs 101

Wednesday, March 28, 7 – 8 pm
Lovett Memorial Free Library
6945 Germantown Avenue

Environmental educator Charlotte Kidd will discuss what every gardener should know about growing, caring for, and using herbs.

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Special Event at Historic Woodford

This past December, PHS's **Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society** for planned giving, in collaboration with the **Naomi Wood Trust's Woodford Mansion** in Fairmount Park, hosted a reception and presentation about year-end charitable giving options. The presentation, by Paula M. Jones of McCarter & English LLP, was followed by a tour of the elegant, eighteenth-century, Georgian-style house with its extraordinary antiques and decorative arts collection. Woodford's period rooms were decorated for the holidays; its dining room was decorated by PHS's own Meadowbrook Farm.

To join the invitation mailing list for future planned-giving events, please contact Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org.*

The **Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society** is a special recognition society for those who have provided for PHS in their estate plans. Members include:

Anonymous (5)	Anna Hayward Lisle*
Dorothea & Ted Behr	Elizabeth P. McLean
Jean G. Bodine	Mr. & Mrs. J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.*
Mrs. Archibald Eglin, Jr.*	Alan P. Slack
Mrs. John E. Hopkins	John P. Swan
Margaret A. Krengel	Phyllis G. Williams

**deceased*

photos by Melissa DeReiter

Above: PHS' Schaffer Society members and guests enjoyed a holiday reception at Woodford Mansion in Fairmount Park on December 3.

Left: Meadowbrook Farm General Manager John Story and staff members Diana Weiner, Jacqueline Hammerschmidt, and Virginia Page-Hentschel were on hand to talk about the dining room holiday display they designed.

PHS receives Challenge Grant from the Independence Foundation

Gifts to the PHS Annual Fund help the organization carry out its mission to *motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.* In addition to your membership, please consider making an Annual Fund gift this year; there has never been a better time. **The Independence Foundation has "challenged" PHS to raise an additional $30,000 in new and increased Annual Fund support, and will match the new and increased portion of all gifts made to the Annual Fund this year.** While proceeds from the Flower Show, along with funding from foundations, corporations, and government agencies, are vital sources of revenue that support PHS programs, including Philadelphia Green, contributions from individuals are equally important.

Please help us meet the Independence Foundation Challenge! Just fill out the form below and mail to: PHS Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. You may also make a secure payment online at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or by phone (call 215-988-8776 weekdays 10 am to 4 pm).

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2007 PHS Annual Fund and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

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Inspired Philanthropy: Make Your Gifts Matter More

Thursday, April 19, 2007

PNC Wealth Management, in collaboration with PHS, will host a presentation and cocktail reception at Pond Restaurant in Radnor, PA. We invite you to join us at this enchanting hideaway, complete with an outdoor terrace overlooking the gardens and swan pond, to hear from nationally recognized nonprofit entrepreneur Tracy Gary, who will discuss how you can have a greater impact through your charitable giving and help assure change in your lifetime.

Ms. Gary is a noted philanthropist, donor activist, and author who consults with a diverse range of organizations to improve and expand philanthropy and volunteerism. She has founded 17 nonprofits, including Resourceful Women, the Women's Foundation of San Francisco, the International Donor Dialogue Network, and the Women Donors Network. Her latest venture is the Changemakers Fund, for which she is currently raising $20 million to expand and strengthen community-based philanthropy. She has appeared on "The Today Show" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and has been profiled in *Time, The Washington Post,* and other publications.

Ms. Gary will be available for comments and questions at the reception following her presentation. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet other donors who care about making a difference.

Space is limited, and reservations are required. Please contact PHS development director Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org* for details or to join the invitation mailing list.

PNC WEALTH MANAGEMENT

2007 Philadelphia Flower Show Major Exhibitors

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- The Barnes Arboretum School Third Year Class
- Greene Countrie Garden Club

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"The Green Scene"
- Chester County Art Association
- Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd
- Moorestown Garden Club
- The Weeders

Entryways
"Cead Mile Failte"
(A Hundred Thousand Welcomes)
- Roots Community Garden at Fisher Park
- The Tattie Bogles
- The Siblings
- Lower Merion High School

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- Susan Foster
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- Irene Reed
- Catherine Olsen & Dot Milsom
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- Gallagher Group
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Terraces
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- Garden Workers
- Roots & Shoots
- The Gardeners
- Harriton High School

Urns
"Island Dreams"
- Suburban Garden Club
- Four Counties Garden Club
- Haddonfield Garden Club
- All Saints Church, Wynnewood

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"Fragrant Fancies"
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- The Porch Club of Riverton
- Kate Murray & Marce Roehl
- Villanova Garden Club
- Juvenile Justice Commission of New Jersey
- Elverson Garden Club
- Lynn Smith—Renee's Garden
- Four Counties Garden Club
- Red Rock Gardening
- The Aquascapes Group

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Travel With Us in 2007

PHS Visits Ireland
June 20 – July 3

LIMITED SPACE—SIGN UP NOW!

Ireland's landscape is said to contain more than 40 shades of green, but its real magic lies in the warm Irish hospitality and in the country's breathtaking scenery, wonderful gardens, and interesting natural wonders and historic sights.

Gardeners in Ireland take advantage of the mild climate to grow an amazing range of plants. We'll visit private and public gardens in Northern Ireland as well as in the Republic of Ireland, enjoying recently created gardens and others tended by the same families for generations. We'll meet horticultural leaders from Belfast and Dublin in the eastern part of the island to Galway in the west.

Although PHS has sponsored trips to Ireland before, most of the gardens and destinations on this tour will be new to us. We'll also visit some of the country's great natural wonders—the Burren, Giant's Causeway, and the Cliffs of Moher—as well as historic sights like the Rock of Cashel and Quin Abbey.

Marianne Gorman, our Irish guide, is knowledgeable about Irish gardens, history, and culture. Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne, PA, and Betsy Gullan, PHS membership manager, will accompany the group.

Private garden in Ireland

The Gardens of Wales and Hampshire
June 10 – 21

WAIT LIST

Note: Please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818 to join the WAIT LIST for this trip.

Led by Jane Pepper, this tour will begin in the mountainous country of South Wales and move to the rolling downlands and chalk streams of Hampshire.

Gardens on Eastern Long Island
July 23 – 26

WAIT LIST

Note: Please contact Betsy Gullan at *bgullan@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8778 to join the WAIT LIST for this trip.

On this four-day trip by private motor coach, PHS members and guests will visit gardens on the two peninsulas on the eastern end of Long Island, the south and north forks. "The Hamptons" on the south fork is famous for large estates and gardens. Although the north fork has a quieter feel, it also has wonderful gardens and is a major vineyard area.

Itineraries are available on the PHS website. For a printed itinerary, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

Special Event at the Flower Show

"An Irish Garden" with HELEN DILLON
Lecture and Wine Reception
Friday, March 9, 2007, 5 – 7:30 pm

Pennsylvania Convention Center, West Entrance
Room 103, Street Level

On **Friday, March 9**, enjoy a special evening at the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show. In celebration of the 2007 Show theme "Legends of Ireland," internationally known **Irish gardener Helen Dillon** will present an illustrated lecture, "An Irish Garden." Noted for her extraordinary ability to create magic with color, Dillon has lectured throughout Europe and the United States, impressing audiences with her energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge. Her garden in Dublin will be one of the featured destinations on the PHS trip to Ireland in June 2007. (See above for trip details.)

Helen Dillon's lecture begins at 5 pm in Room 103A. Immediately following the lecture, enjoy a reception in Room 103B featuring Irish musical entertainment, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Reservations are required, and space is limited. The fee of **$55 for PHS members and $65 for non-members** includes lecture, wine reception, and Flower Show admission (hand-stamp entry issued at the reception upon request).

Register by sending a check (payable to PHS) to Betsy Gullan, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. You may also register by e-mail or fax (215-988-8810) using a credit card. For reservations or more information, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.

The home of Irish garden writer and lecturer Helen Dillon

McLean Library News

New Exhibit in PHS McLean Library "Flora of North America" Through June 30, 2007

The *Flora of North America*, an ambitious project to be completed in 2011, will present for the first time in one publication the names, taxonomic relationships, continent-wide distributions, and morphological characteristics of all native and naturalized plants found in North America north of Mexico. The McLean Library exhibit consists of selected volumes of the 30-volume work, as well as earlier American floras, field guides, photographs, collected plants, and a lesson plan. The exhibit explores the reasons why a new flora of North American is needed, including habitat destruction and the fact that new plants are still being discovered. The McLean Library is located on the first floor of PHS headquarters (20th and Arch Streets in Philadelphia) and is open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

McLean Library Updates Speakers List

The PHS McLean Library is updating its list of speakers on gardening and related topics. This list is available to PHS members, local gardening clubs, and the public. Copies will be available in Spring, 2007. If you are a horticulturist who lives in the Mid-Atlantic region and would like to be included on the 2007 list, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772 and ask for a questionnaire.

Bloomin' Fun Pass

During Flower Show Week—March 4 through 11—present your Bloomin' Fun Pass to enjoy **special offers, events, and discounts at area restaurants, shops, attractions, theaters, gardens, and hotels.** Pick up your Bloomin' Fun Pass at PHS headquarters or at the following locations: PNC Bank branches, Philadelphia International Airport, SEPTA ticket sales outlets, area malls (Franklin Mills, The Shops at Liberty Place, The Gallery at Market East), Center City District kiosks, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Franklin Institute. Bloomin' Fun Pass online coupons can be printed at *www.theflowershow.com*.

2007 Plant Sales and Events Listings

The Philadelphia area offers a wealth of beautiful gardens and gardening activities. To help our members keep track of it all, PHS News has compiled a list of plant sales, shows, and other events sponsored by local plant societies, public gardens, and nonprofit organizations.

You'll find this list on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*; just click on "Latest News." If you prefer to receive a paper copy, please contact the publications office at 215-988-8768 or *editnews@pennhort.org*.

You can also receive up-to-date information on gardening events each month on your desktop by signing up for email alerts from the Wired Gardener. (To subscribe, email *wiredgardener@pennhort.org*.)

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Tour: Flower Show Behind the Scenes

Thursday, February 22, 10 am – 12 noon

This behind-the-scenes tour of Meadowbrook Farm's magical greenhouses will focus on the art and science, and the successes and challenges of forcing plants for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will introduce us to some of the unusual plants he is growing for Meadowbrook and other major exhibitors at the 2007 Show. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Propagating Begonias and Ferns

Wednesday, March 21, 10 am – 12 noon

Meadowbrook Farm's **Virginia Page-Hentschel** has won many blue ribbons at the Philadelphia Flower Show for her perfect begonias and ferns. By following her easy directions, you, too, can successfully propagate these plants. Here is a wonderful opportunity to learn the culture of many types of beguiling begonias and no-fuss ferns. Fee includes starter plants to take home. **Limit 20. Fee: $30 members, $40 non-members.**

Demonstration: What's New for 2007?

Thursday, March 22, 10 am – 12 noon

Find out what's hot and cutting-edge for the upcoming growing season and let **Diana Weiner** introduce you to new annuals, perennials, woodies, tropicals, containers, supplies and more! **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Divide and Conquer – Propagating Perennials

Wednesday, March 28, 10 am – 12 noon

Some of the best varieties you can plant this spring are right in front of you, just waiting to be increased in number. By propagating your own plants, you can get more plants for your own garden, have some to give away to friends, or share some of your favorite plants with PHS members at the PHS Plant Dividend at Members' Day this fall. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will show you different types of root systems so you know which need to be divided, what plants you can layer, and how to propagate common and unusual perennials. This comprehensive course will take the apprehension of propagation and turn it into a delight of discovery and success. You will have so many new plants you will need to start a new garden! Participants will receive hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. **Limit 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Demonstration and Walk: Organic Gardening Principles and Techniques

Wednesday, April 11, 10 am – 12 noon

If you've been curious about organic gardening, but not sure how to begin, here's your chance to discover how simple and rewarding it can be. You'll learn the compelling reasons for gardening without harmful chemicals and fertilizers. The vegetable garden at Meadowbrook Farm incorporates many organic techniques, and Meadowbrook head gardener **Glenn Ashton** will show you how he prepares the soil; composts and mulches the garden; implements integrated pest management; and applies organic disease, insect, and weed control to this extensive garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Shady Characters – Gardening in the Woodland Garden

Thursday, April 12, 10 am – 12 noon

A woodland walk in any season is a delight: from the cheerful early bulbs of spring to the cooling retreat from summer's heat to crisp, clear fall color and winter's play of light. It takes some knowledge of trees, shrubs, light levels, and cultivation to keep a woodland garden going strong from year to year. **Diana Weiner** will demonstrate that once the basics are learned, the fun begins—adding biennials and perennials to the landscape. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Making a Succulent Wreath

Wednesday, April 25, 10 am – 12 noon

Impress your friends and family with a charming outdoor living wreath you will design and create yourself. **Virginia Page-Hentschel** will demonstrate how to add succulent plants, such as sedums and sempervivums, to fill a 10-inch frame filled with soil and moss. The finished product can be used as a living centerpiece for a garden table or as a welcoming wreath for your garden gate, and is usually hardy enough to survive our winters. **Limit: 20. Fee: $50 members, $55 non-members.**

FREE LECTURE SERIES

This winter and early spring, PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor a multi-session course: *Botany Before, During, and After Linnaeus.* The course is free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list when they enroll. **To register, please call 215-763-6529, ext. 23.**

Botany Before, During and After Linnaeus

Monday, March 26 – April 30, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

Dr. Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler will present this course focusing on Carl Linnaeus in recognition of the 300th anniversary of his birth on May 23, 1707. We will discuss the relevance of Linnaeus's system of binomial nomenclature and the systems that he and later botanists devised to classify plants in hierarchical groups. Beginning our study with the early Greeks, we will consider how plants were named and classified from the fourth century B.C. to the present day.

Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler is curator emeritus of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences, where he has worked since 1962. He has authored more than 50 scientific

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You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

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Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information about activities, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

publications and currently teaches at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation and the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

EVENING LECTURE

Irish Gardens: Traditional to Contemporary

Tuesday, February 27, 6 pm
PHS Auditorium

In the words of the seventeenth-century British statesman Lord Orrery, "Nature has been profusely beneficent to Ireland. Here we are beholden to nothing but Creation; there, in England, you are indebted to extensive gardeners and costly Architects."

Highlighting the Irish theme of the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show, London-based, internationally known landscape designers and authors **Guy Cooper and Gordon Taylor** will present an illustrated lecture on some of the most exciting gardens in Ireland, from classic to modern. Ireland's climate of soft rain, warm sunshine, and mild Gulf Stream temperatures make these magical gardens flourish. We will explore a garden-design spectrum ranging from the grandeur of Mount Stewart in County Down to the great baroque Powers Court and superb river garden at Mount Usher near Dublin. We will delight in the exotic plantings from China, India, and Tasmania on Ilnacullin Island in Bantry Bay, the cozy but formal vegetable gardens of a world-class restaurant at Ballymaloe in Cork, and many more, showing the wonderful diversity of Irish gardens.

Garden designers, writers, and television presenters Guy Cooper and Gordon Taylor have written 13 books on garden design and presented two television series. They have designed gardens and landscapes throughout the UK (including the estate of Sir Elton John), France, Spain, USA, and Ireland. Visit their website at *www.coopertaylor.com*. **Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

Note: The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments and wine.

WORKSHOP

Botanical Illustration with Watercolor

8 Tuesdays, March 13, 20 & 27; April 3, 10, 17 & 24; May 1, 10 am – 1 pm
PHS, 5th floor classroom

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor or have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, exercises to create form and dimensionality, and discussion of brushes and paper.

It is necessary to attend the first session of this eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Limit: 15. Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
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Workshop: Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs

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Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will teach the art and science of pruning and demonstrate techniques for small trees and shrubs. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

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Bartlett Day at the Flower Show

Tuesday, March 6

PHS and Bartlett Tree Experts will present a special day for professionals at the 2007 Flower Show on Tuesday, March 6. The annual "Bartlett Day" offers experienced horticulturists and arborists the latest technological advancements in planting and maintenance, with an emphasis on environmentally sound practices.

Topics include the important role of trees in community planning as we rediscover traditional towns and cities, meeting the challenges of urban planting sites, and the need for more plant diversity in our landscapes. The program will include plenty of time for your questions, a delicious lunch, and admission to the Flower Show at a cost of just $40 per person.

Seating is limited. Please fax or mail the attached reservation form by February 23. Credit cards and checks are accepted. For more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8875 or *ckleiber@pennhort.org.*

BARTLETT DAY REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Lunch (please check one): ☐ Non-vegetarian ☐ Vegetarian

Payment Method:

Check enclosed (payable to PHS) ☐

Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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Signature _____

Registration is per person and includes seminar, Flower Show admission and lunch: $40 if registration is received by February 9; $50 if registration is received between February 10 and 23. Please make checks payable to PHS.

Mail or fax (credit card only) your registration form(s) to: Carol Dutill, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone: 215-988-8869.

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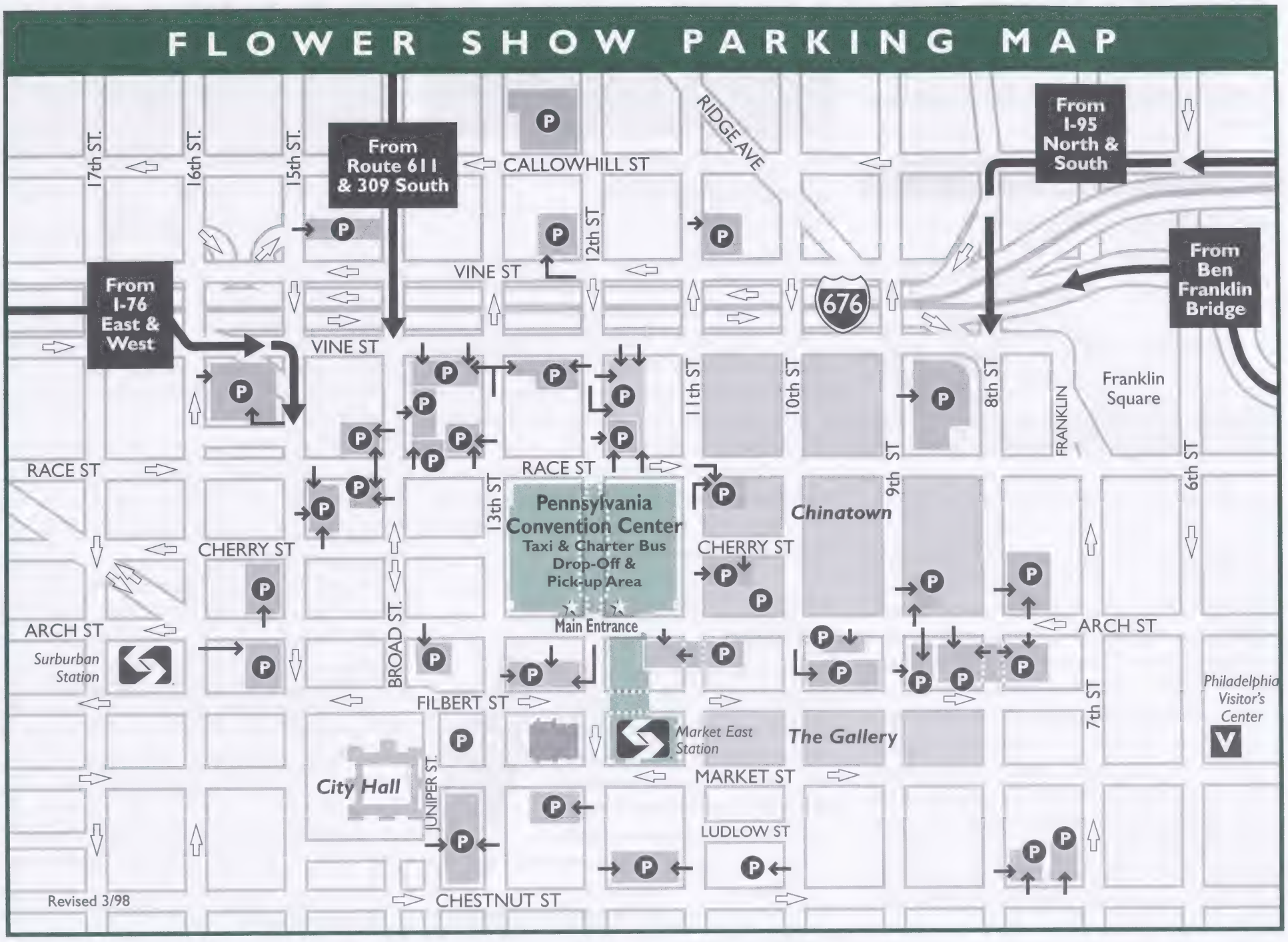

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Spring Happenings at PHS

The 2007 Flower Show may be over, but the proceeds from the Show help support a range of PHS programs throughout the year. After the Show, PHS staff hit the ground running with a full schedule of activities. Here are some of the events and projects that make spring an exciting time at PHS:

Don't miss the **2007 Kids Grow Expo** on **Friday, April 20** from 9:30 am to 2 pm. The Kids Grow Expo will again be held in partnership with Temple University's EarthFest, an outdoor educational festival at Temple's Ambler College campus. This year's theme, "*Roots, Radishes & 'rithmetic*," uses horticulture to reinforce basic mathematical principles. New this year are classroom projects that bring math lessons to life. The all-day event includes educational exhibits, service-learning projects, and competitive classes. Kids Grow Expo is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the PHS website or contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897.

Participants showed off their creations at the 2006 Kids Grow Expo.

Join the fun on **Saturday, April 21** from 10 am to 1 pm as more than 40 neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia plant, paint, clean and celebrate during the eighth annual **Spring Into Your Park**. Sponsored by Philadelphia Green, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, Fairmount Park, and neighborhood park friends groups, this event coincides with the "Great Pennsylvania Cleanup," a series of volunteer efforts across the state sponsored by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. For more information and to find a Spring Into Your Park event near you, please call 215-988-1611 or email *parks@pennhort.org*.

Spend an elegant evening at the **Azalea Garden Party** on **Thursday, May 10, 5:30 to 8 pm**. This annual gathering raises funds for year-round maintenance of the garden. Please see page 4 for details.

Lend your gardening hands to **help beautify public sites** in Center City Philadelphia, including the Azalea Garden, the grounds of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, historic Eastern State Penitentiary, and other sites. Volunteers meet monthly. If you'd like to help out, please check the calendar on the PHS website or contact Regina Cobbs at 215-988-8896 or *rcobbs@pennhort.org*.

Mark your calendar for the annual **PHS Garden Visits**. This year's Garden Visits will spotlight gardens in Chester County (May 20) and in Doylestown (June 3.). These popular tours are exclusively for PHS members. For sign-up information, please see page 7.

Need new ideas for your garden? Attend one of PHS's **Education Programs**. Browse the calendar on the PHS website, or see pages 6 and 7 for information on upcoming programs. City residents can also take advantage of free workshops on a variety of topics, presented through Philadelphia Green's **City Gardening Series**. Please see page 3 for more information.

Volunteers braved the rain at the 2006 Spring Into Your Park event at Campbell Square.

TREEVITALIZE THIS SPRING

Help plant trees in southeastern Pennsylvania, improve your community, and get a rebate on tree purchases! See page 5 for more.

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PEPPERPOT

A Big Thank-You!

Last December I was offered a wonderful opportunity to judge the new Singapore Garden Festival, where I found exhibitors from England and Belgium, from Australia and China. Among the exhibitors in the "Fantasy Garden" category were two florists who have staged award-winning displays in the Philadelphia Flower Show, Michael Bruce and Troy Taylor. My judging team included two representatives from Singapore, one from England, and another from Australia.

Despite the international flavor of the show and the difference in climate, the final hours of set-up felt exactly as they do in Philadelphia. At one moment the Suntec International Convention Center was a disaster zone. A few hours later the floors were swept, exhibitors had traded work boots for party shoes and the preview gala was in full swing.

One thing that I didn't find in Singapore, however, is the amazing contingent of volunteers who not only make the Philadelphia Flower Show run smoothly, but also help make it a wonderful experience for PHS staff members. In almost every facet of the Show, there's a volunteer group that brings joy to our days. In the planning stages, we start with a team of "brainstormers" who help Show designer Sam Lemheney develop themes for future Shows. There's another group that masterminds all the activities of the Competitive Classes, from dreaming up the titles for exhibit classes to painstakingly checking the name of every plant on display.

Once we arrive at the Convention Center, it's like old home week as volunteers who may have communicated via email or phone throughout the year embrace each other and get to work hauling displays into place, polishing silver, calming the nerves of new exhibitors, greeting judges and learning the "skinny" so they can give "revealing" behind-the-scenes tours for out-of-town visitors.

To all of you who have helped in some way at the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show, my most grateful thanks. Without our amazing volunteers, we would not be able to produce the best flower show in the world, and we love every one of you for all the time and dedication you gave to this year's creation.

As we start planning another year at PHS, I want to introduce you to Susan Strawbridge, who joined PHS in January as volunteer program manager. This is a new position at PHS, and Susan's charge is to bring more consistent volunteer management processes across our programs. Susan comes with extensive experience in volunteer program management, including several years with the American Red Cross in Delaware and the Diocese of Wilmington. If you are seeking the perfect volunteer spot at PHS, please contact Susan at 215-988-8876 or *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org*. And again, thank you all.

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

The Philadelphia Flower Show is designed to inspire, so it's not surprising that visitors leave the Pennsylvania Convention Center with gardening ideas they are eager to try at home. To help people realize their ambitions, Meadowbrook Farm in Abington Township, PA, a PHS affiliate, offers an array of gardening essentials.

Early-flowering shrubs and perennials (including witch hazel and hellebore) arrived at Meadowbrook's gift shop in late March. Also available are flowering potted plants and bulbs, such as dwarf iris, hyacinth, narcissus, and crocus.

"Shopping at Meadowbrook Farm is like visiting the Flower Show and taking your favorite plants home with you," says Jessica Story, head grower at Meadowbrook.

Of course having a wheelbarrow full of flowers is only step one; step two is knowing what to do with them. Fortunately, PHS offers many education programs at Meadowbrook taught by Meadowbrook staff, and PHS members receive a discounted rate. A demonstration of organic gardening principles and techniques will be held on April 11, and the following day will feature a guided walk through Meadowbrook's woodland garden. On April 25, a wreath-making workshop will reveal why these charming decorations should not be limited to the Christmas season. (See pages 6 and 7 for sign-up information.)

"Even major garden projects are manageable with the right information and instruction," Jessica says. "The staff at Meadowbrook thoroughly enjoys passing on their years of experience to anyone looking to learn something new."

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Barbara Kaplan

Barbara Kaplan was a natural choice for a member of PHS's new Green City Strategy committee. For more than 30 years, she has been working to make Philadelphia a better place to live.

Barbara first became involved with PHS back in 1974, when she was director of the Pennsport Civic Association in South Philadelphia. "Philadelphia Green built one of its first gardens right behind our offices," she recalls. Along with PHS executive vice president Blaine Bonham, Barbara became one of the founding board members of the Neighborhood Gardens Association, which works to preserve Philadelphia's community gardens.

In her subsequent job with the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, Barbara was a strong supporter of green space. When she was named director of the Commission in 1983, she reconnected with Blaine and looked for ways to support the work of Philadelphia Green. "The Planning Commission was working on a vacant land study in the early 1990s, at around the same time Philadelphia Green was conducting its own study," she recalls. "We collaborated to make sure the two studies complemented each other."

A resident of Philadelphia's Fairmount/Art Museum neighborhood, Barbara was passionate about the renovation of the grounds of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which PHS managed in partnership with the museum and Fairmount Park. She served on the Art Museum Landscape Committee, and through her role on the Planning Commission, she helped make sure the city appropriated adequate funds to the project. "I live right there," she says, "and I'm thrilled at how it's come back. It's one of PHS's most significant achievements."

A long-time member of the PHS Council, Barbara says she has always been impressed with the organization. "PHS has had an impact on communities all over the city—not just in terms of flowers and plants but in terms of building community."

Barbara believes that PHS's Green City Strategy Advocacy Campaign is "extremely important." (See page 3 for more on the Advocacy Campaign.) "With all of the improvements accomplished through PHS's vacant land management program, the [Street administration's] Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, and with the city's forthcoming open space plan and riverfront plan, this is the time to keep moving forward," she says.

In addition to her work on the Green City Strategy Committee and the Council, Barbara, now retired, also volunteers at the Philadelphia Flower Show. She's a member of the Show Floor Ambassadors, a crew of friendly people in pink aprons who help make visitors feel welcome. She continues to serve on the board of the Neighborhood Gardens Association as well as the board of Philadelphia's Center for Literacy.

It seems her mission has remained unchanged for all these years—making Philadelphia, her adopted home town, a better city for all.

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series presents workshops, lectures, and events for people who garden in small spaces. Held at neighborhood branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia and other locations in the city, **these events are free unless otherwise noted**. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website.

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer... A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA.

Growing Vegetables in Containers
Monday, April 2, 6 - 7 pm
Haverford Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5543 Haverford Avenue

Planning the Summer Garden
Wednesday, April 4, 6 - 7 pm
Eastwick Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2851 Island Avenue

The Fragrant Garden
Saturday, April 7, 2 - 3 pm
Walnut West Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
201 S. 40th Street

Planning the Front Yard Garden
Monday, April 9, 6 - 7 pm
Spruce Hill Community Center
257 S. 45th Street
Space is limited, please call to register.

Environmentally Friendly Gardens
Wednesday, April 11, 7 - 8 pm
Falls of Schuylkill Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
3501 Midvale Avenue

Jumpstart the Summer Garden
Monday, April 16, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Holmesburg Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
7810 Frankford Avenue

Designing the Garden with Native Plants
Saturday, April 21, 10 - 12 pm
Bartram's Gardens
55th Street and Lindbergh Blvd.

The Low Maintenance Garden
Monday, April 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wadsworth Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1500 Wadsworth Avenue

Spring Tree Walk
Wednesday, May 2, 6 – 7:30 pm
Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park
Belmont Ave. & North Horticultural Drive

Fragrance and the Garden
Saturday, May 5, 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Oak Lane Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6614 N. 12th St.

Creating Mixed Garden Borders
Monday, May 7, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
West Oak Lane Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2000 Washington Lane

All about Annuals
Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Ave.

PHS Calls on Philadelphia Mayoral Candidates to Embrace Greening

Philadelphia residents will elect a new mayor this year, and PHS is calling on the candidates to lead the city toward a greener future. PHS is promoting a Green City Strategy that views greening as a vital part of urban revitalization, providing aesthetic, social, economic, and environmental benefits. Based on the extensive experience of PHS's Philadelphia Green program, the Green City Strategy calls for sustained, significant investment in the city's open spaces as a means to stem population loss and attract new residents and businesses.

Logan Square

By promoting the Strategy now, PHS hopes to highlight these crucial issues and make them part of the debate as the city chooses a new leader. "The 2007 mayoral race is taking place at a time when Philadelphia is poised for growth. It is critical for the next mayor to leverage the significant investments that have been made to create a greener Philadelphia," says PHS executive vice president J. Blaine Bonham, Jr. "Greening creates economic growth, safer neighborhoods, and a more vibrant city."

PHS is suggesting the following Green City Strategy Action Plan for the next administration:

• Implement GreenPlan Philadelphia, a comprehensive open space plan for the city.
Philadelphia is in the process of developing its first-ever open space plan, to be completed by fall, 2007. The plan will guide decision-making about open space use, acquisition, development, funding, and management.

• Manage vacant land as a valuable asset.
Through the Street Administration's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, Philadelphia has invested nearly $12 million in vacant land management, including tree-planting and cleanup of more than 5,500 trash-filled lots. In many neighborhoods, this work has increased property values, stemmed population loss and reduced crime, while attracting new businesses, private investments, and residents.

• Support development and preservation of community-managed green spaces.
Community gardens, neighborhood parks, and the smaller open spaces that are used and maintained by neighborhood volunteers bring significant benefits to the city's landscape. The residents who care for these spaces become the local eyes and ears of the community, fostering safety and security and enhancing the quality of life.

• Promote and invest in a localized approach of using open space to manage storm water.
Thousands of Philadelphia residents experience regular flooding in their communities due to an archaic combined sewer system, and overflow from this system pollutes rivers and streams. Test sites developed through a partnership between Philadelphia Green and the Philadelphia Water Department are proving that open spaces such as parks, streetscapes, gardens, and green lots can be retrofitted to receive storm water and help relieve local flooding problems.

• Develop the city park system through leadership, partnership and resources.
Research consistently shows that investment in parks promotes economic revitalization, attracts new residents, and makes cities more livable. Philadelphia's parks need vision, leadership, planning, resources, maintenance, and stewardship. The recent recommendations of the Parks Reform Task Force call for reform in the selection of commissioners and increased and diversified funding for parks.

• Plant trees in the city's neighborhoods.
In the past two decades, Philadelphia has lost more than 200,000 trees, degrading neighborhoods and increasing heat and pollution in the city. The current tree planting and management system is under-funded and inadequate. A proactive new management system should be a partnership among public and private organizations, businesses, and community groups to sustain and expand Philadelphia's urban forest.

• Promote public and private investment in "civic landscapes."
Increased investment in Center City's most treasured open spaces, gateways, and streetscapes, such as Logan Square, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, the Azalea Garden, and the Avenue of the Arts, will position Philadelphia as a "must-see" destination. Their continued viability will provide Philadelphia with an extraordinary return on investment and renown as a world-class city.

Green City Strategy Mayoral Candidates' Foum

On March 5, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and the Philadelphia Parks Alliance, PHS held a fantastic mayoral forum, providing the five major candidates with the opportunity to answer questions on open space, neighborhood parks, and neighborhood revitalization. Given that more than 1200 people from throughout the region attended, it is evident that greening is seen as a key approach to moving Philadelphia forward as "the next great city."

PHS Tops Fundraising Challenge

On a Wednesday evening in January, members of PHS's **1827 Society and President's Circle** enjoyed a tour of the greenhouses at the estate of Mrs. Samuel M. V. "Dodo" Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton opened her greenhouses and conservatory, where she grows prize-winning orchids, lilies, bulbs, and other plants for the Philadelphia Flower Show, to those who participated in the **1827 Society Challenge**. The Challenge was established by 12 donors who gave $10,000 each to PHS.

"The Challenge has exceeded our expectations, and we will continue through June 30 to recognize 1827 Society members who participate," says PHS president Jane Pepper. "Many grateful thanks to all who have helped us raise these funds for PHS projects."

Guests got a peek at some of Mrs. Hamilton's prize orchids.

The Challenge has raised nearly $300,000 in new and increased support, exceeding the goal of matching the amount raised by the 12 initial donors. The money will be directed toward maintenance of the new landscape at Logan Square in Center City Philadelphia, which was completed in November of last year. The project is part of PHS's Public Landscapes initiative, which renovates and maintains high-profile civic landscapes and gateways in the city.

Inspired Philanthropy: Make Your Gifts Matter More

Thursday, April 19, 2006

PNC Advisors, in collaboration with PHS, will host a presentation and cocktail reception at Pond Restaurant in Radnor, PA, an enchanting hideaway complete with an outdoor terrace overlooking the gardens and swan pond.

Featured speaker **Tracy Gary** will discuss how you can have a greater impact through your charitable giving and help assure change in your lifetime. Ms. Gary is a noted philanthropist, donor activist, and author who consults with a diverse range of organizations to improve and expand philanthropy and volunteerism. Ms. Gary will be available for comments and questions at the reception following her presentation. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet other donors who care about making a difference.

Space is limited, and reservations are required. Please contact PHS development associate Katelyn Drake at 215-988-8805 or *kdrake@pennhort.org* for details or to join the invitation mailing list.

PNC WEALTH MANAGEMENT

2007 Azalea Garden Party

Thursday, May 10, 5:30 to 8 pm

Celebrate the arrival of spring among hundreds of spring-blooming shrubs and flowers at the **Azalea Garden Party** on **Thursday, May 10, 5:30 to 8 pm**. This year, the event will be catered by the exciting new **Waterworks Restaurant**, located within the historic Waterworks complex overlooking the Schuylkill River.

The annual Azalea Garden Party raises funds for year-round maintenance of the four-acre site. Located in Fairmount Park just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Azalea Garden is one of Philadelphia's premier public open spaces. It is maintained by a partnership between PHS and Fairmount Park, as well as by a group of dedicated volunteers. Chairing the event this year are Marilyn Sifford and Bob Butera. Join us for an evening of food, fun, and activities for the whole family. **For more information or to request an invitation, please contact Ellen Wheeler at 215-988-8830 or *ewheeler@pennhort.org*.**

PHS Annual Fund

Independence Foundation Challenge

Gifts to the PHS Annual Fund help the organization carry out its mission to *motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture*. In addition to your membership, please consider making an Annual Fund gift this year; there has never been a better time. **The Independence Foundation has "challenged" PHS to raise an additional $30,000 in new and increased Annual Fund support, and will match the new and increased portion of all gifts made to the Annual Fund this year.** While proceeds from the Flower Show, along with funding from foundations, corporations, and government agencies, are vital sources of revenue that support PHS programs, contributions from individuals are equally important.

Please help us meet the Independence Foundation Challenge! Just fill out the form below and mail to: PHS Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. You may also make a secure payment online at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or by phone (call 215-988-8776 weekdays 10 am to 4 pm).

INDEPENDENCE CHALLENGE FOUNDATION

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2007 PHS Annual Fund and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

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Please accept a gift of: ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other_____

I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership.

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TreeVitalize this Spring

Created in 2004, TreeVitalize is a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources that aims to plant thousands of trees to help restore the depleted tree canopy in Southeastern Pennsylvania. As a lead partner in TreeVitalize, PHS has launched a **Citizens Campaign** to encourage individuals to plant trees. This spring, there will be educational information and rebate forms at public libraries throughout Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties.

PHS project manager Mindy Maslin works with a group of volunteers in South Philadelphia.

The Citizens Campaign will also reach out to thousands of **schoolchildren** in Bucks County. Working with the Central Bucks School District, PHS will distribute 5,000 tree seedlings to students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and their teachers will receive suggested lesson plans on an accompanying card. Trees and cards will be distributed in April, and kids are encouraged to plant the trees for Earth Day (April 22) or Arbor Day (April 27).

PHS's TreeVitalize Citizens Campaign includes **displays at nurseries, outreach to new homeowners** to encourage them plant trees on their properties, and a **Tree Rebate**. Pennsylvania residents who purchase a tree from any nursery and plant it in Southeastern Pennsylvania are eligible for a rebate of 25 percent of the cost of the tree, up to $25. Simply fill out the form below and mail it to PHS by June 30, 2007, along with the receipt for your tree.

TREEVITALIZE REBATE FORM

Name_____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email_____

Enclose tree receipt and mail to: PHS TreeVitalize Rebate, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Travel With Us in 2007

PHS Visits Ireland
June 20 – July 3

LIMITED SPACE— SIGN UP NOW!

Ireland's landscape is said to contain more than 40 shades of green, but its real magic lies in the warm Irish hospitality and in the country's breathtaking scenery, wonderful gardens, and interesting natural wonders and historic sights.

Gardeners in Ireland take advantage of the mild climate to grow an amazing range of plants. We'll visit private and public gardens in Northern Ireland as well as in the Republic of Ireland, enjoying recently created gardens and others tended by the same families for generations. We'll meet horticultural leaders from Belfast and Dublin in the eastern part of the island to Galway in the west.

Although PHS has sponsored trips to Ireland before, most of the gardens and destinations on this tour will be new to travelers. We'll also visit some of the country's great natural wonders—the Burren, Giant's Causeway, and the Cliffs of Moher—as well as historic sights like the Rock of Cashel and Quin Abbey.

Marianne Gorman, our Irish guide, is knowledgeable about Irish gardens, history, and culture. Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne, PA, and Betsy Gullan, PHS membership manager, will accompany the group.

Private garden in Ireland

An itinerary is available on the PHS website. For a printed copy, please contact Betsy Gullan at *bgullan@pennhort.org* or 215-0988-8778.

TreeVitalize Neighborhood Tree Plantings

Come meet your neighbors, help plant trees, and enhance your community! The following dates and locations have been confirmed, and volunteers are needed. More tree plantings are being scheduled this spring in Philadelphia, as well as in dozens of communities in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties. **To find an event near you, please visit *www.TreeVitalize.net.***

Locations in Philadelphia:

Saturday, April 14, 10 am
East Oak Lane, 33 trees
Contact Charlie Phillips, 215-924-1722

Saturday, April 14, 10 am
Cedar Park, 46 trees
Contact Winnie Harris, 215-573-4684 or see *www.ucgreen.org*

Saturday, April 21, 9 am
Port Richmond, Campbell Square, 5 trees
Contact Leslie Henderson, 215-988-8887

Saturday, April 21, 9 am
Kensington, 58 trees
Contact Marlene Buck, 215-427-0350, ext 122

Saturday, April 21, 9 am
Tacony, Disston Park, 19 trees
Contact Lou Iatarolla, 215-331-1551

Saturday, April 21, 10 am
Spruce Hill, 50 trees
Contact Winnie Harris, 215-573-4684 or see *www.ucgreen.org*

Saturday, April 28, 9 am
Bella Vista, 30 trees
Contact Carla Puppin, 215-592-7844

Saturday, April 28, 9 am
Fairmount, 36 trees
Contact Roland Reed at 267-252-9325

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Workshop: Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs
Thursday, April 26, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will teach the art and science of pruning and demonstrate techniques for small trees and shrubs. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Shade Gardening and Spring Perennials for Shade
Wednesday, May 16, 6 – 8 pm

Gardening in the shade poses a unique set of challenges, but the rewards can be most satisfying as you enjoy the cool blends of colors and textures that shady gardens offer. Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** as she explores plants growing in varying degrees of shade. As she leads us through the lovely grounds of Chanticleer, Lisa will point out spring perennial plants suited for moist and dry situations. She will also discuss soil preparation, plant selection, maintenance, and dynamic plant combinations. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Vertical and Horizontal
Wednesday, May 23, 6 – 8 pm

In this informal walk and discussion in the garden, **Dan Benarcik** will discuss the use of vines and groundcovers than can be used to complement your landscape and garden plantings, focusing on uncommon or underutilized plants. We all have vertical challenges in our gardens, and we often have a lot of ground to cover, so this class will focus on these issues and offer some creative solutions and options. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Chanticleer

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Demonstration and Walk: Organic Gardening Principles and Techniques
Wednesday, April 11, 10 am – 12 noon

If you've been curious about organic gardening, but not sure how to begin, here's your chance to discover how simple and rewarding it can be. You'll learn the compelling reasons for gardening without harmful chemicals and fertilizers. The vegetable garden at Meadowbrook Farm incorporates many organic techniques, and Meadowbrook head gardener **Glenn Ashton** will show you how he prepares the soil; composts and mulches the garden; implements integrated pest management; and applies organic disease, insect, and weed control to this extensive garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Shady Characters – Gardening in the Woodland Garden
Thursday, April 12, 10 am – 12 noon

A woodland walk in any season is a delight: from the cheerful early bulbs of spring to the cooling retreat from summer's heat to crisp, clear fall color and winter's play of light. It takes some knowledge of trees, shrubs, light levels, and cultivation to keep a woodland garden going strong from year to year. **Diana Weiner** will demonstrate that once the basics are learned, the fun begins—adding biennials and perennials to the landscape. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

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Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

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For more information about activities, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

Meadowbrook Farm

Workshop: Making a Succulent Wreath

Wednesday, April 25, 10 am – 12 noon

Impress your friends and family with a charming outdoor living wreath you will design and create yourself. **Virginia Page-Hentschel** will demonstrate how to add succulent plants, such as sedums and sempervivums, to fill a 10-inch frame filled with soil and moss. The finished product can be used as a living centerpiece for a garden table or as a welcoming wreath for your garden gate, and is usually hardy enough to survive our winters. **Limit: 20. Fee: $50 members, $55 non-members.**

McLean Library Speakers List

The PHS McLean Library has updated its **list of speakers on gardening and related topics**. The list is organized by general topic area and includes speakers from the mid-Atlantic region along with their contact information. Copies will be available starting in April to PHS members, local gardening clubs, and the public. To request a copy, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772.

Botanical Illustration Students to Exhibit in McLean Library May 1 – June 1

For several years, PHS has offered a workshop in botanical illustration. The eight-week introductory class is led by Eileen Rosen, who has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. This spring, past and present students in the class will exhibit their work in the PHS McLean Library. The exhibit will be on display from May 1 through June 1. There will be a **reception on Wednesday, May 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** in the Library, which is open to the public. Artwork will be for sale by arrangement with the artists.

COACH TOUR

Duke Farm Indoor Display Garden and Country Manor

Thursday, May 3, 2007, 9 am – 6 pm
Hillsborough, New Jersey

Our coach tour will take us to the Duke Farm estate in Hillsborough, New Jersey, which was developed by tobacco and hydropower magnate James Buchanan Duke beginning in 1893. The estate was inherited by his daughter, Doris Duke, in 1925 and she continued to enhance the property. In the morning we will tour the greenhouse and indoor display gardens, including eleven enchanting gardens created by Doris Duke in the early 1960s and inspired by diverse cultures and regions of the world. These indoor gardens are famous for their vibrant colors and delightful fragrances, elegant statues, splashing fountains, bridges, reflective pools, and babbling brooks.

After a box lunch at the outdoor eatery we will tour the manor house. Set within the main living areas of the estate's 76,000-square-foot residence, the tour reflects the Duke family's passion for horticulture by educating visitors about how plants may be integrated into interior design. Rooms featured on the tour include Doris Duke's "Hollywood" wing and indoor tennis court, upon which sits a partially constructed Thai temple.

Coach pickups will be available at the Horticulture Center and PHS at 20th and Arch Streets. **Limit: 34. Fee: $85 members, $100 non-members (includes coach, boxed lunch and snacks, and guided tours).**

IN THE GARDEN

The Japanese Garden: Basic Design Principles

Saturday, May 12, 10 am – 12 noon
Shofuso Japanese House and Garden,
Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia

If you have ever admired Japanese gardening traditions, you will enjoy this opportunity to join **Asher Browne** at Shofuso, the Japanese House in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. Designed for the novice Japanese gardener, this program will cover basic principles of Japanese gardening, including how to use forced perspective, textures, and placement to create a peaceful oasis. Asher will also cover the development of Japanese gardens, basic horticultural techniques, plants, and gardening methods unique to the Japanese garden. The program will begin with a Powerpoint presentation at the Horticulture Center followed by a tour of the gardens.

Urban Sustainability Forum

The Urban Sustainability Forum, a partnership between PHS and several environmental organizations, presents a series of programs examining social and environmental conditions in Philadelphia. At monthly meetings, the Forum examines key issues with the goal of developing and promoting an action plan for making Philadelphia the greenest, most livable city in America. Forum events include a reception at 6 pm; programs begin at 6:30 and are free and open to the public. Meetings are held at the **Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Ben Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia**. Spring sessions and topics are:

Sustainable Health

April 19, 2007

New Urbanism: How Everything Old is New (and Better) Again

May 17, 2007

For more information, please visit *www.sustainablephiladelphia.com* or contact Roland Wall at 215-299-1108 or *rwall@acnatsci.org.*

Asher Browne studied Japanese gardening in Kyoto during his eight-year stay in Japan. His training includes work with two different garden firms in Kyoto, as well as time with the Adachi Museum of Art, renowned to have some of Japan's finest gardens. Asher Browne now combines his fine arts background with his training in Japan to design, build, and develop gardens. He owns and operates Asher Browne Gardens, based in New Jersey but operating throughout the region. **Limit: 20. Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

2007 PHS GARDEN VISITS

Chester County, May 20
Doylestown, June 3

This year's Garden Visits will spotlight exceptional gardens in Chester County (May 20), and in Doylestown (June 3.). These self-guided tours are from 12 noon to 5 pm, and exclusively for PHS members and their guests. Directions and a map will be sent upon registration. **Use the form on page 6 to sign up.**

Pete Prown

The Van Dyke garden in Doylestown will be included on the June 3 tour.

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Mayoral Forum Puts Spotlight on Greening

In early March, during the Philadelphia Flower Show, five Philadelphia mayoral candidates addressed an overflow crowd at the Pennsylvania Convention Center for PHS's **Green City Mayoral Candidates' Forum**.

Hosted in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and the Philadelphia Parks Alliance, the event drew more than 1,000 people to hear the candidates speak about critical matters such as protecting open space, restoring parks, and investing in neighborhood revitalization.

"The forum was a wonderful extension of the Flower Show and heightened the importance of greening our city all year, every year," says PHS president Jane Pepper. "I was impressed by the audience's questions. It was a passionate group of people who understand the role of greening in planning a bright future for Philadelphia."

Five major Democratic mayoral candidates attended: Congressman Bob Brady, State Representative Dwight Evans, Congressman Chaka Fattah, businessman Tom Knox, and former City Councilman Michael Nutter. Zach Stalberg, president of the good government and election watchdog group Committee of Seventy, moderated the proceedings. While offering different solutions, the five candidates agreed that protecting the city's natural resources is vital for Philadelphia.

The audience included community activists, developers, planning professionals, and civic leaders, as well as interested residents. One attendee was Patricia Washington, vice president and project manager for the Greater Philadelphia Tourism and Marketing Corporation's Boundless Philadelphia campaign, which promotes outdoor tourism and recreation. "It is becoming apparent that our parks are critical to Philadelphia's future as an appealing place to live, work, and play," said Washington. "I think it was clear from the discussion that the candidates understand that."

Also in the audience was Geraldine Wang, who directs the Environment & Communities program for the William Penn Foundation. "We are thrilled that the mayoral candidates were given an opportunity to focus on these issues with citizens," she said. "Our hope is that the next mayor will recognize the city's extensive system of parks and open space as one of the region's greatest assets, critical to its economic competitiveness, and implement policies that strengthen and leverage these resources."

Fred Lewis, vice president of the Friends of Cliveden Park and volunteer coordinator for the Center in the Park at Vernon Park, both in Germantown, also attended the event. "I believe the candidates were impressed with the crowd, the questions, and the format," he noted.

PHS executive vice-president J. Blaine Bonham Jr. adds, "With Philadelphia poised to embrace continued growth, it is crucial that Philadelphia's next mayor commits to devising new green-friendly policies and supporting existing programs. This forum helped to highlight the ways in which urban greening contributes to economic growth and safer neighborhoods."

For Philadelphia residents who were unable to attend the forum, questions for the candidates can be sent via PHS by emailing *forum@pennhort.org*.

Daniel Moise

From left: Chaka Fattah, Dwight Evans, Bob Brady, PHS president Jane Pepper, Tom Knox, Michael Nutter, and PHS executive vice president Blaine Bonham.

Daniel Moise

Forum moderator Zach Stalberg addresses the audience.

Jazz Theme for 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

We hope you enjoyed this year's Flower Show, *Legends of Ireland*, which proved to be one of the most popular Shows in recent years. Get ready for a toe-tapping good time at the 2008 Show (March 2 – 9), when the Flower Show theme will be **"Jazz it Up!"** See you there!

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PEPPERPOT

Spring in the City

Every year, the landscapes in our city become more beautiful, many of them due to guidance and funding from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and our valued partners and supporters. In this Pepperpot, I want to take you on a tour of some of my favorite spots and introduce you to new plantings.

First on my list is **Logan Square.** PHS completed an extensive restoration of this wonderful landscape last year in cooperation with the Fairmount Park Commission and with generous funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts. Throughout the year, PHS manages this much-loved site in partnership with Fairmount Park. On May 17, PHS and Fairmount Park staff and volunteers will join with 300 volunteers from KPMG, an audit, risk advisory, and tax services company, to plant 2,600 annuals on the perimeter of the site. To make sure we have the large numbers and high quality we need for this large planting, these annuals, such as lantana, angelonia and supertunia are being grown at Londonderry Greenhouses in Lancaster County.

Also on May 17, KPMG volunteers will plant summer annuals around **City Hall** and in the beds adjacent to Love Park. PHS project coordinator Erica Sollberger tells us to look for foliage plants such as elephant ear, coleus, and begonias at City Hall and for blue salvias near Love Park.

Foliage plants work well in the planters PHS manages for the **Center City District**, the downtown business improvement district. Project manager Julie Snell says some of the most successful plants in recent years have been caladium 'Candidum', coleus 'Fatigue', *Strobilanthes dyeranus* (Persian shield), and *Plectranthus marginata*. This year, she is adding diascia for color early in the season and nemesia, also smaller in scale, to complement the larger foliage plants.

The **Azalea Garden** (west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art) became PHS's first "Public Landscapes" project when we restored this four-acre Fairmount Park garden in 1989. This year, we will plant new hostas and heucheras, as well as one of my favorites, *Begonia grandis*, which does well in the shade and produces bountiful flowers in late August. Project manager Marilyn Romenesko is also excited about five specimens of a new dogwood tree called Venus, bred by Dr. Elwin Orton of Rutgers University. Noted for its disease and pest resistance, large white floral bracts, and drought tolerance, Venus is a 2007 PHS Gold Medal Plant Award winner.

When you are in that area, also look for an expanded planting along Art Museum Drive of *Amsonia tabernaemontana*, a winner in my book that sports deep dark blue flowers for six weeks in spring and has wonderful yellow foliage in fall.

Vibrant landscapes like these help make our city shine each spring and all year long. Many thanks to all those who help keep them beautiful.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

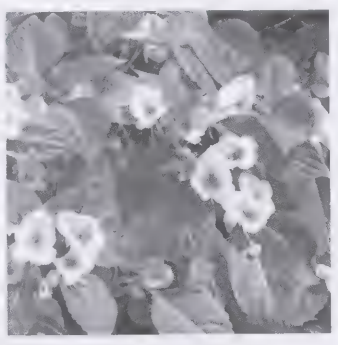
WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Spring Open House
Saturday, June 16, 10 am–5 pm

Spring is one of the best times to visit Meadowbrook Farm. A new variety of begonia has just arrived called 'Bonfire' (*Begonia boliviensis*). This species hails from Bolivia and is noted for its eye-catching red-orange flowers with serrated edges. Another favorite of the season is the Fusion series of impatiens, which come in an array of exotic warm colors such as mango and coral. The yellow variety, 'Glow', is the first of its kind and will grow well in shady areas (a feat for yellow flowers).

These stunning beauties will be available throughout the spring, and you can see them firsthand at the **Spring Open House** on **Saturday, June 16 from 10 am to 5 pm.** The event is free and open to the public, and festivities include self-guided tours of the estate and gardens, demonstrations led by horticulture enthusiasts, and chances to win great prizes. For the little ones, Meadowbrook Farm has an assortment of engaging children's activities.

Impatiens 'Glow'



Begonia 'Bonfire'

The Open House offers an opportunity to see Meadowbrook's vast selection of plants and gardening supplies. It is also a chance to pick up gifts such as ceramics, jewelry, beauty products, and indoor and outdoor decorations. Best of all, PHS members receive a 10 percent discount on plant purchases.

Growing Tips

Jessica Story, head grower at Meadowbrook Farm, says both the 'Bonfire' begonia and Fusion impatiens are easy to grow.

'Bonfire' performs well in sunny areas, although it will also thrive in partial shade. Extremely versatile, 'Bonfire' can be planted as a border, in hanging baskets or in a garden with contrasting foliage and flower colors.

The Fusion line of impatiens comes in a variety of colors. These plants are slightly more light-sensitive than the begonias, so it's best to place them in morning sun and afternoon shade. They also require more water to look their best.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Ginger Nicholson

Ginger Nicholson considers the Azalea Garden to be her back yard. A resident of the Philadelphia's Fairmount neighborhood for 25 years, she lives just over the hill from the four-acre garden and walks through it every morning. Located on Kelly Drive behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Azalea Garden is maintained by PHS in partnership with the Fairmount Park Commission, as well as by a group of dedicated volunteers like Ginger.

It all started back in 1990 when Ginger responded to an advertisement in her neighborhood newspaper calling for volunteers to help water, prune, and weed the garden on monthly workdays. "I love to be outdoors," Ginger says. "The Azalea Garden is really an oasis; it's on the edge of the urban hustle bustle. I thought it would be a good thing to get involved in."

Before long, Ginger became a member of PHS, a volunteer at the Flower Show, and a member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board. She also helps with workdays at the grounds of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She says her work as a PHS volunteer has put her in contact with a lot of interesting people and has expanded her "human horizons." At the Flower Show, Ginger helps staff the Philadelphia Green exhibit and enjoys answering questions about the program. "Through conversations with people at the Show, I really think the influence of PHS is growing in the region," she says. "The environment is a hot topic now, and people realize that open space is limited."

Since she's a daily visitor, Ginger keeps a close eye on the garden and Art Museum landscape and notifies PHS project manager Marilyn Romenesko when something needs attention. Romenesko, who oversees the garden, appreciates Ginger's dedication. "She lets me know if there is any vandalism, construction activity, tire tracks on the lawn, missing plants, and even new bird species that might appear on the sites. She attends the workdays regularly and seems to have adopted the gardens as her own. It's great to have her as another set of 'eyes and ears' out there."

A printmaker, Ginger views the Azalea Garden as a wonderful "visual resource" and enjoys taking pictures there. "Everyone loves the azaleas, but there's a lot more to the garden," she says. "It really has four seasons of interest. Even in winter, there is always something to look at."

When asked what has motivated her to stay involved through all these years, Ginger says, "I live here and see all the benefits that PHS brings to the city. I also think PHS gives back a lot to its members. I love to attend the lectures, trips, and workshops. It's a very satisfying endeavor."

PHS Seeks Youth Input for City's Open Space Plan

In a lively session on February 22, PHS held a **Youth Summit** at the Wissahickon Charter School in the city's Germantown section, to gather young people's ideas about Philadelphia's open spaces. The summit drew 65 high-school and middle-school students from across the city.

The Youth Summit was part of the information gathering process for ***GreenPlan Philadelphia***, an open-space plan being created by the city and scheduled for completion this fall. The plan will guide long-term decision making about the city's green spaces, including their use, acquisition, development, funding, and management. As a nonprofit partner, PHS is assisting the city in its effort to solicit citizen input for *GreenPlan*. Over the past several months, community meetings were held in 12 neighborhoods. And, because children have a vital stake in Philadelphia's future, the city asked PHS to lead a symposium to seek their views as well.

After an introductory presentation, the students broke into small groups and discussed their suggestions, hopes, and concerns for open space in their neighborhoods and near their schools. Their ideas ranged from the widely shared desire for safer, cleaner places to play and more skate parks, basketball courts, and trails to fanciful visions such as roller coasters and a "velcro park." Their suggestions, which have been ranked by priority, will be part of the information used by the team preparing *GreenPlan Philadelphia.*

PHS environmental initiatives program manager Michael Leff organized the summit and says it's important that children's voices are heard. "Children are the current users and future stewards of our city's open spaces," says Leff. "They might not be voting in the next election, but they will be voting and making decisions for our city in the future. *GreenPlan Philadelphia* is a 15-year plan; we want them to feel invested in the process."

PHS chose Wissahickon Charter School because of the school's environmental and service-learning focus. "We were excited to host the forum," says school principal Julie Stapleton Carroll. "We try to teach our kids that they can be active in their community and that, in fact, they have a responsibility to do so. I think we learned a lot about what would impact their lives the most—about the importance of basic things like cleanliness and safety. It's a perspective that hasn't been heard."

The students literally had the ear of city officials who attended the event, including managing director Pedro Ramos, Neighborhood Transformation Initiative director Eva Gladstein, and assistant managing director Robert Allen.

After the summit, participating students were asked to share their reactions: "When the city planners told us that our ideas were going to be typed and considered in a process that will be implemented, I was extremely happy," wrote Alexandra Clark, an eighth grader at Wissahickon Charter. "I was excited because the ideas of young children (the people that use the green spaces the most) will be put into action."

Students worked in a small group facilitated by PHS staff member Takkeem Morgan.

GreenPlan Philadelphia is being led by the Philadelphia Managing Director's Office in partnership with other city agencies, including the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, the Fairmount Park Commission, the City Planning Commission, and others. It is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the City of Philadelphia, and the William Penn Foundation with in-kind resources from project partners.

To learn more about *GreenPlan Philadelphia*, please visit *www.greenplanphiladelphia.com.*

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series presents workshops, lectures, and events for people who garden in small spaces. Held at neighborhood branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia and other locations in the city, **these events are free unless otherwise noted**. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, browse the calendar on the PHS website, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer...A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA.

Spring Tree Walk
Wednesday, May 2, 6 – 7:30 pm
Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park
Belmont Avenue and North Horticultural Drive

The Fragrant Flower Garden
Wednesday, May 2, 7 – 8 pm
Fox Chase Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
501 Rhawn Street

Fragrance and the Garden
Saturday, May 5, 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Oak Lane Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6614 N. 12th Street

Creating Mixed Garden Borders
Monday, May 7 6:30 – 7:30 pm
West Oak Lane Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2000 Washington Lane

All about Annuals
Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

Tips for Great Looking Container Gardens
Saturday, May 12, 2 – 3 pm
Nicetown Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
3720 N. Broad Street

Growing Herbs in the Home Garden
Monday, May 14, 7 – 8 pm
Northeast Regional Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2228 Cottman Avenue

Caring for Flowering Houseplants
Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Greater Olney Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5501 N. 5th Street

Chanticleer through the Seasons – Spring (Bus Trip)
Thursday, May 17, 4:30 – 9 pm, **$5 fee**
For more information and to **register by May 10**, please contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Containers in Small Spaces
Monday, May 21, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Ogontz Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6017 Ogontz Avenue

Tips for Great Looking Container Gardens
Wednesday, May 23, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Donatucci Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1935 Shunk Street

Growing Vegetables & Fruits in Containers
Wednesday, May 23, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

Intensive Vegetable Gardening
Thursday, May 24, 6 – 7 pm
Roots Community Garden, Fisher Park
N. 6th and W. Spencer Streets (Top of steps)

Caring for Flowering Houseplants
Wednesday, May 30, 6 – 7 p.m.
Fishtown Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1217 E. Montgomery Avenue

Creating Colorful Container Gardens
Saturday, June 2, 10 – 11:30 am
Campbell Square Community Park
2500 block of East Allegheny Avenue
(Belgrade St. & Allegheny Ave.)

Bus Trip to Historic Pennsbury Manor
Monday, June 4, 9 am – 3 pm, **$10 fee**
For more information and to **register by Tuesday, May 29**, please contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Moving Houseplants Outdoors
Wednesday, June 6, 7 – 8 pm
Northeast Regional Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2228 Cottman Avenue

Tips for the Potted Garden
Tuesday, June 12, 6 – 7 pm
Roots Community Garden, Fisher Park
N. 6th and W. Spencer Streets (Top of steps)

Designing Hanging Baskets
Monday, June 18, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Holmesburg Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
7810 Frankford Avenue

Growing Plants in Challenging Places
Wednesday, June 20, 7 – 8 pm
Fox Chase Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
501 Rhawn Street

Hamilton Family Foundation Awards Challenge Grant for Green City Youth Program

The Hamilton Family Foundation has awarded a challenge grant in the amount of $5,000 to PHS for its Green City Youth program. Created in partnership with Delaware Valley Earth Force, Green City Youth works with 200 students in five Philadelphia public schools. It offers a hands-on, service-learning curriculum that brings together students, teachers, and neighborhood greening activists and engages them in activities that improve their communities. The results of Green City Youth, which is completing the second year of a two-year pilot phase, have been tremendous.

The Hamilton Family Foundation has offered a challenge grant to help PHS build a broader base of support for the program. This grant will only be awarded if PHS is able to raise a matching $5,000 from other private foundations. **If you know of a private foundation interested in supporting Green City Youth and helping PHS to meet this challenge, please contact PHS development director Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*.**

Margaret Funderberg

On March 7, PHS hosted funders and partners at an evening cocktail reception at the Philadelphia Flower Show to thank them for their support of PHS programs. Pictured above are: (left to right) Shawn McCaney and Andrew Johnson of the William Penn Foundation, Philadelphia Green senior director Mike Groman, and PHS executive vice president Blaine Bonham.

2007 City Gardens Contest

Contestants and Volunteers wanted

Since 1975, the PHS City Gardens Contest has celebrated the efforts of city gardeners who transform urban plots into flowering green havens. The City Gardens Contest attracts entries of all sizes and types, from tiny tucked-away spaces to enormous community gardens tended by people of all backgrounds. The contest is open to Philadelphia residents and is judged by volunteers.

To enter your garden, please complete and return the from below by June 10, 2007. Winners receive $50, $25, and $10 gift certificates, as well as a one-year PHS membership.

To volunteer as a judge or for more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *specialevents@pennhort.org*. (Note: you do not have to be a Philadelphia resident to volunteer as a judge.)

CITY GARDENS CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address of garden: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____

Check appropriate category:

Individual Gardens

- ☐ Individual Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Flower Garden
- ☐ Combination Flower/Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Container Garden
- ☐ Child's Garden

Community Gardens

- ☐ Community Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Community Flower/Sitting Garden
- ☐ Combination Vegetable/Flower Garden
- ☐ Children's Garden
- ☐ "Garden Block" with window boxes and sidewalk planters
- ☐ "The Greenest Block in Town" (street trees/front yards)

Return to: PHS, City Gardens Contest, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

2007 Azalea Garden Party

Thursday, May 10, 5:30 – 8 pm

The Azalea Garden Party will be held on **Thursday, May 10, from 5:30 to 8 pm**. This family-friendly event raises maintenance funds for the four-acre Azalea Garden, located in Fairmount Park behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The event will be catered by the Waterworks restaurant. If you are interested in attending, purchasing raffle tickets, or making a contribution to the garden's maintenance fund, please contact PHS development associate Katelyn Drake at *kdrake@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8805. Raffle items include:

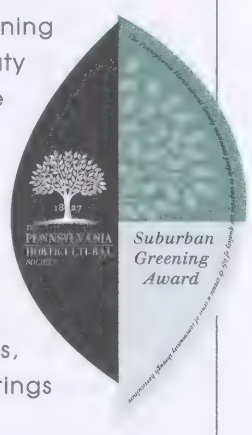
- A gift certificate to Lilly Pulitzer boutique and a Lilly Pulitzer tote bag
- Two tickets to the Pennsylvania Ballet
- Philadelphia Phillies tickets
- A $5,000 gift certificate to Bradford Portraits for a portrait on canvas
- Gift certificates to the Philadelphia restaurants Cin Cin, London Grill, and Moonstruck

2007 Azalea Garden Party Committee Chairs

Chairs: Marilyn Sifford and Bob Butera
Young Friends Co-Chairs:
Gregory P. Montanaro and Christopher D. and Nicole Boscia-Chimicles
Young Friends Vice-Chairs:
Erin and F. Frederick Herz 4th

2007 PHS Suburban Greening Awards

The PHS Suburban Greening Awards recognize the beauty and value of public-space plantings in suburban Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. PHS seeks nominations for public parks, main street planters, church and train-station gardens, municipal grounds, and other public plantings outside the city limits.



If you know of a public space planting in suburban Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or Delaware that should be recognized by PHS, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or email *specialevents@pennhort.org*. The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2007.

2007 Philadelphia Flower Show Award Winners

CENTRAL FEATURE AWARDS

Tourism Ireland with Guest Designer Christopher Woods, "Legends of Ireland"
Valley Forge Flowers, Inc. & Meadowbrook Farm, "The Living Wall"
Jamie Rothstein Floral Design, "Spiral Garden"

MAJOR EXHIBITOR AWARDS

The PHS Flower Show Award for the Best in Show
Landscape:
J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Inc.
Floral Design:
Schaffer Designs
By Invitation:
Celtic Gardens
Academic Educational:
Temple University Ambler College
Nonacademic Educational:
The Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia
Plant Societies:
North American Rock Garden Society, Delaware Valley Chapter
Small Landscapes:
ThinkGreen

The PHS Award of Merit for an Outstanding Exhibit
Academic Educational:
Delaware County Technical School
Nonacademic Educational:
Camden City Garden Club, Inc.; and U.S. EPA Region III
Plant Societies:
Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society

The Philadelphia Flower Show Award for an Exhibit of Distinction
Academic Educational:
Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades
Nonacademic Educational:
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources/TreeVitalize
Fairmount Park Commission
Netherlands American Business Association
Philadelphia Water Department
Plant Societies:
African Violet Society of Philadelphia

The Best Achievement Award
Landscape:
Use of Bulbs in a Unique Garden Display: Jacques Amand, The Bulb Specialists
Creation of a Dream Golf Course: Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc.
Incorporation of Structure into the Landscape: J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery, Inc.
Serene Home Garden Design: Kepich & Associates
Peaceful Repose in a Natural Landscape: Romano's Landscaping
Landscape of Distinction: Stoney Bank Nurseries
Excellence in Use of Forced Plants: J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Inc.
Integration of Texture and Color in a Garden: Waterloo Landscaping

Floral Design:
Depiction of a Verdant Haven: Michael Bruce Florist
Imaginative Floral Design: Flowers by David
Dynamic Use of Green and White: Haddonfield Floral Company
Festive Party Decorations: Lamsback Floral Decorators
Dramatic Use of Color: Robertson's Flowers
Creative Floral Decoration: Jamie Rothstein Floral Design
Integration of Setting and Floral Design: Schaffer Designs

By Invitation:
Execution of the Flower Show Theme: Celtic Gardens
Creating a Tranquil Pondscape: Ponds & Gardens of Limekiln
Extraordinary Orchid Display: Waldor Orchids

FEATURE AWARDS

(for Landscape, Floral Design, and/or By Invitation Categories)

The Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc. Silver Trophy
J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Inc. for "Plant-o-saurus"

Alfred M. Campbell Memorial Trophy
Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc. for "The Intangible Link"

The Mayor's Trophy
Michael Bruce Florist for "Verdant Haven"

The Governor's Trophy
Kepich & Associates for "Serenity"

The Philadelphia Trophy
Jamie Rothstein Floral Design for "Rainbow"

The PHS Council Trophy
Lamsback Floral Decorators for "Pretty in Pink"

Penn Valley Garden Club Trophy (Small Landscapes)
ThinkGreen for "Inspired by Stone"

The Kate and Robert Bartlett, Jr. Award for the Best Use of Trees in a Landscape
Stoney Bank Nurseries, Inc. for "Gairdin an óir" (A Garden for Gold)

PNC People's Choice Awards
Celtic Gardens

SPECIAL PANEL AWARDS

Chicago Horticultural Society Flower Show Medal
Romano's Landscaping for "Reflections"

The Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association Trophies
Small Landscapes:
Lorenz Landscape Contractors for "Wonders of Wicklow"
Entryway:
The Siblings for "The Green Man Hostel"

Massachusetts Horticultural Society Gold Medal
Lorenz Landscape Contractors for "Wonders of Wicklow"

The American Horticultural Society Citation
Kepich & Associates for "Serenity"

Bulkley Medal of the Garden Club of America
Romano's Landscaping for "Reflections"

Special Achievement Awards of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
1,000 sq. ft. and over
Conservation: Romano's Landscaping
Education: Jacques Amand
Horticulture: Stoney Bank Nurseries, Inc.
Creativity: Lamsback Floral Decorators

Under 1,000 sq. ft.
Conservation: U.S. EPA Region III
Education: Williamson Free School
Horticulture: Lorenz Landscape Contractors
Creativity: Delaware Valley College

Men's Garden Club of Delaware Valley Trophy
Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc. for "The Intangible Link"

Society of American Florists Flower Show Award
Robertson's Flowers for "Wishes Come True"

The Phyllis M. Craig Award
Michael Bruce Florist for "Verdant Haven"

Marketplace Awards of the Philadelphia Flower Show
Horticulture:
Large:
1st: Parkside Orchid Nursery
2nd: Wedgewood Gardens
3rd: Ash's Flower Farm

Standard:
1st: Greensleeves
2nd: Annie's Flower Farm
3rd: Ash's Flower Farm

Home Accessories
Large:
1st: Trent Gibbs Pottery
2nd: Vermont Nature Creations
3rd: Frog Park Herbs

Standard:
1st: Distinguished Art Glass
2nd: Texas Trash & Treasures
3rd: Beekman's C.O.P.A Soaps

Garden Accessories
Large:
1st: Rick's Utility Sheds
2nd: Archie's Island Design
3rd: Sandstone Gardens

Standard:
1st: Haw Creek Forge
2nd: Out of the Blue
3rd: Maine Garden Products

Botanical Art
Large:
1st: The James Company
2nd: Gladstone Jones
3rd: Snow Gallery

Standard:
1st: Trees Company
2nd: Scot Schmidt Sculptures in Limestone
3rd: Janice Branco Watercolors

Jewelry
1st: Nature's Creations
2nd: Courtney Designs
3rd: Botanical Creations

PHS AWARDS

PHS Trophy (Entryways)
The Siblings for "The Green Man Hostel"

PHS Trophy (Container Display)
Moorestown Garden Club for "Fiona's Flora"

The PHS Awards for daily maintenance and condition
Arbors:
Garden Club of Philadelphia
Balconies:
Greene Countrie Garden Club
Container Displays:
Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd
Entryways:
Roots Community Garden
Small Landscapes:
Baker Creative, Inc.
Tables:
Garden Club of Wilmington
Terraces:
The Garden Workers
Urns:
Haddonfield Garden Club

HORTICULTURE AWARDS

***The PHS Ribbon—Best of Day, One* Variety**
Saturday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
Tuesday: Dr. Gerald Barad
Friday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton

The PHS Ribbon—Best of Day, Two or More Varieties
Saturday: Karin Arentzen
Tuesday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
Friday: Irene Sobotincic

PHS Orchid Award
Bayard Saraduke

The Emile H. Geschick Memorial Award
The Garden Workers for "Loy Krathong Festival, Thailand"

American Orchid Society Show Trophy
Waldor Orchids

2007 Philadelphia Flower Show Award Winners

American Orchid Society Show Awards
Pat Di Santo, Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton, Moorestown Garden Club, Walter Off, Anthony Silva

Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America Inc. Award
Saturday: Diana S. Wister (twice), Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades
Tuesday: Ray Rogers, Tom Wajda (twice)
Friday: Dr. Gerald Barad, Margaret P. Bowditch, Stephen Maciejewski

North American Rock Garden Society Delaware Valley Chapter Doretta Klaber Award
John Ray & Clifton West

North American Rock Garden Society Delaware Valley Chapter Ribbons
2320 – John Ray & Clifton West
2325 – John Ray & Clifton West
2340 – Betsy Ray
2345 – Jane Grushow
2347 – Lynn Cook & Troy Ray
2350 – Jane Grushow
2355 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2365 – Fred Roehl
2800 – Beverley Rowland
3130 – John F. Gyer
3320 – Ann Rosenberg
3325 – John Ray & Clifton West
3340 – Ann Rosenberg
3345 – John Ray & Clifton West
3347 – Lynn Cook & Troy Ray
3350 – John Ray & Clifton West
3355 – Mary Ann Bursich
3360 – John Ray & Clifton West
3365 – Dick & Ann Rosenberg
3860 – Jane Grushow
4320 – Ann Rosenberg
4325 – Margaret P. Bowditch
4340 – Ann Rosenberg
4345 – Ray Rogers
4347 – Lynn Cook & Troy Ray
4350 – Ann Rosenberg
4355 – Dr. Gerald Barad
4360 – Dick & Ann Rosenberg
4365 – Dick & Ann Rosenberg
4790 –Ann Rosenberg
4800 – Leslie M. Simon
4810 – Jane Grushow
4940 – Mrs. Pierre S. du Pont

Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Ribbons, for the outstanding blue ribbon winners in the Narcissus Classes
Saturday: Ray Rogers
Tuesday: Ray Rogers
Friday: Ray Rogers

PHS Ribbon for the outstanding blue ribbon winners in the Bulb Section (other than Narcissus)
Saturday: Ray Rogers
Tuesday: John F. Gyer
Friday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton

American Primrose Society Award, Doretta Klaber Chapter Ribbons
2320 – John Ray & Clifton West
2325 – Lee Morris Raden
3320 – Ann Rosenberg
3325 – John Ray & Clifton West
4320 – Ann Rosenberg
4325 – Margaret P. Bowditch

Far Out Cactus Trophy
Dr. Gerald Barad

Meadowbrook Farm Indoor Gardening Trophy
Martha Miller

The Edith Wilder Scott Award
Ray Rogers

Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society Ribbons
2205 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2215 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2245 – Joseph Lamela-Macchia
2670 – Dr. Gerald Barad
3200 – Dr. Gerald Barad
3202 – Dr. Gerald Barad
3212 – Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
3685 – Dr. Gerald Barad
4192 – Ray Rogers
4245 – Joseph Lamela-Macchia
4770 – Dr. Gerald Barad
4930 – Dr. Gerald Barad
176 – Four Counties Garden Club

The Susie Walker Award (Outstanding Begonia Entry)
Saturday: Ray Rogers
Tuesday: Ray Rogers
Friday: Joan Harvey

The Garden Club of America Certificate of Excellence in Horticulture
Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton

The Gesneriad Society Liberty Bell Chapter Ribbon
Tuesday: Charlene Marietti
Friday: Ray Rogers

ARTISTIC CLASSES AWARDS & OTHER AWARDS

Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (Niche Classes)
Saturday: Barbara Delafield
Monday: Jo Kane and Donna Edwards
Wednesday: Tammy Feuer
Friday: Susanna Baum

Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (Miniature Arrangements)
Saturday: Mary Jo Strawbridge
Wednesday: Mettie Fisher & Carol Lipson

Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (Defined Spaces, Hanging Designs & Pedestals)
Saturday: Alice Hamilton Farley & Leslie Purple
Monday: Anne Fox Hayes
Wednesday: Sidney Spahr & Jane Moore
Friday: Kristine Qualls & Estelle Sherman

PHS Trophy presented to the outstanding blue ribbon winner in the Miniature Arrangement classes:
Mettie Fisher and Carol Lipson

PHS Trophy (Pressed Plant Materials)
Yoko Nakayama for "Mythical Creatures"

PHS Trophy (Miniature Settings)
Midge Ingersoll, Melinda Moritz & Elizabeth McLean for "Top o' the Morning"

Jack Kellmer Company Award (Table Classes)
Huntingdon Valley Garden Club for "Tailgate"

Delaware Valley Florist Association Trophy (Table Classes)
Garden Club of Wilmington for "Irish Wake – Mourning and Celebration"

Nancy Reid Clausen Award donated by the Chestnut Hill Garden Club to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Medium Niche Classes:
Susanna Baum

The Carolyn Waite Award presented by the Huntingdon Valley Garden Club to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Small Niche Classes:
Tammy Feuer

The Helen Hope Dechert Award presented by The Planters to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit in the Small and Medium Niche Classes:
Susanna Baum

PHS Defined Space Award presented to the outstanding exhibit of the week in the Defined Space Classes:
Peggy Moore

PHS Pedestal Award presented to the blue-ribbon winner of the week in the Pedestal Classes:
Mary Jo Strawbridge

PHS Hanging Design Award to the outstanding blue-ribbon exhibit of the week in the Hanging Design Classes:
Kristine Qualls and Estelle Sherman

PHS Trophy (Designs for Jewelry)
Isabel Morian Lamb for "Fairylore"

PHS Award (Balconies)
Greater Woodbury Garden Club for "Hans Christian Andersen's Spring"

PHS Award (Urns)
Four Counties Garden Club for "Sun Kissed"

PHS Award (Window Boxes/Lamp Posts)
Four Counties Garden Club for "Kaleidoscope"

PHS Trophy (Terraces)
The Gardeners for "Wish You Were Here"

PHS Trophy (Arbors)
Garden Club of Philadelphia for "Discover the Dancing Green"

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

The Hamilton Greenhouse Award for the runner-up in the individual Horticulture Classes Sweepstakes:
Dr. Gerald Barad

Mrs. Lammot du Pont Copeland Horticultural Sweepstakes Trophy for the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in the Horticulture Classes:
Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton

PHS Award for the garden club or horticultural organization accumulating the greatest number of points in the Horticulture Classes:
Winner: The Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society
Runner-up: Wissahickon Garden Club

Sarah C. Z. Groome Award to the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in selected Artistic Classes:
Winner: Mary Jo Strawbridge
Runner-up: Ruth Loew

The Rosemarie P. Vassalluzzo Artistic Sweepstakes Trophy to the garden club or horticultural organization accumulating the greatest number of points in the Artistic Classes:
Winner: The Garden Club of Philadelphia
Runner-up: The Garden Workers

Margaret Buckley Zantzinger Award for the garden club accumulating the greatest number of points in all competitive sections of the Philadelphia Flower Show:
Winner: Wissahickon Garden Club
Runner-up: The Gardeners

The PHS Grand Sweepstakes Trophy for the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in all competitive sections of the Show:
Lynn Cook and Troy Ray

SELF GUIDED GARDEN TOUR

Center City Secret Gardens

Saturday, June 2, 12 noon – 3 pm
Center City Philadelphia

Here's a rare opportunity to visit some public gardens you might not know about, gardens that you might otherwise never see, and enjoy some other horticultural highlights along the way. Thanks to the Center City Residents' Association (CCRA), some of whose members will open their gardens to us, we will visit gardens in the **Rittenhouse Square, Fitler Square, and Logan Square neighborhoods**, as well as winners of PHS's City Gardens Contest. Visit the gardens in any order you choose at your own pace between noon and 3 pm, and pick up some great ideas from fabulous gardeners who have met the interesting challenges of city gardening. Directions and parking suggestions will be mailed with registration. **Please reserve by May 15. Fee: $20 PHS members and CCRA members, $30 non-members.**

WORKSHOP

Botanical Illustration: Painting Roses in Watercolor at Wyck

Monday and Tuesday, June 4 and 5, 10 am – 3 pm
Wyck, Germantown

Spend two lovely days in June painting roses from living examples in the enchanting, historic rose gardens at the National Historic Landmark house and garden, Wyck. Taught by **Eileen Rosen**, this workshop will emphasize accurate drawing and color and will include demonstrations of specific watercolor techniques. All levels of experience are welcome.

Located in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, Wyck has been associated with glorious roses for nearly 200 years, ever since Jane Bowne Haines sketched out the formal plan and drew up her list of roses in her garden book in the 1820s. Old roses bloom just once in late May and early June. Among the oldest are the apothecary rose, dating from the 1st century A.D., and *Rosa mundi*, a striped rose. Both offer glorious scents and abundant blooms.

Directions and a materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed with registration confirmation. Wyck offers convenient street parking, lunch refrigeration, indoor drawing space, outdoor shade, and modern restrooms.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**

IN THE GARDEN

The Japanese Garden: Basic Design Principles

*Saturday, May 12, 1 – 3 pm (**Note time correction**)*
Shofuso Japanese House and Garden,
Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia

If you have ever admired Japanese gardening traditions, you will enjoy this opportunity to join **Asher Browne** at Shofuso, the Japanese House in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. Designed for the novice Japanese gardener, this program will cover basic principles of Japanese gardening, including how to use forced perspective, textures, and placement to create a peaceful oasis. Asher will also cover the development of Japanese gardens, basic horticultural techniques, plants, and gardening methods unique to the Japanese garden. The program will begin with a PowerPoint presentation at the Horticulture Center followed by a tour of the gardens.

Asher Browne studied Japanese gardening in Kyoto during his eight-year stay in Japan. His training includes work with two different garden firms in Kyoto, as well as time with the Adachi Museum of Art, renowned to have some of Japan's finest gardens. Asher Browne now combines his fine arts background with his training in Japan to design, build, and develop gardens. He owns and operates Asher Browne Gardens, based in New Jersey but serving the region. **Limit: 20. Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

Organizing Your Flower Border

Thursday, June 21, 10 am – 12 noon
Hedgleigh Spring, Swarthmore, PA

Charles Cresson's garden, **Hedgleigh Spring**, is celebrated for its curved mixed flower borders combining perennials, annuals, biennials and summer bulbs, with ever-changing highlights and compelling plant combinations throughout the season. How does he do it? And how can you use the same principles in your garden? Join Charles at Hedgleigh Spring as he demonstrates the process, techniques, and design principles by which he achieves these displays, in formal as well as informal situations. Directions to Hedgleigh Spring will be mailed with receipt of your registration.

Charles Cresson is a garden designer, consultant, photographer, and author. Cresson studied at the University of Vermont and the University of Bath in England and has worked for the Royal Horticultural Society and W. Atlee Burpee & Co. He is the award-winning author of three books: *Charles Cresson on the American Flower Garden, Ornamental Trees,* and *Rock Gardening*, as well as the guidebook to Meadowbrook Farm. **Limit: 25. Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Walk: Weeds

Wednesday, June 6, 10 am – 12 noon

Weeds at Meadowbrook Farm? Yes, weeds are universal! While walking the grounds of Meadowbrook Farm, outdoor sales manager **Diana K. Weiner** will identify various weeds and suggest the most effective and environmentally friendly means of controlling them. We will see that some weeds are managed easily while others need special ammunition. Our main focus will be weeds that commonly occur in gardens, but others, native or exotic will also be addressed. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Contain Yourself— Planting Patio Pots

Thursday, June 7, 10 am – 12 noon

Meadowbrook Farm's patio pots are known for their style, grace, and interesting plant combinations. This beginner's how-to course focuses on formal and informal planting techniques for sun or shade containers. Under the expert guidance of **Diana K. Weiner**, you will create and bring home your own unique combinations of flowering plants in a decorative 14-inch container to enjoy all summer. **Limit 20. Fee: $45 members, $55 non-members.**

Demonstration: Vegetables, Small Fruits, and Perennial Edibles

Wednesday, June 13, 10 am – 12 noon

Meadobrook Farm's tropical grower **Sharon Kaszan** will discuss everything you need to know about starting or improving your vegetable garden. Topics will include seed starting, culture, pest control, and harvest. Learn how easy it is to have a bumper crop of your own favorite veggies and about new and interesting ways to use your harvest. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Planting Your Garden for Hummingbirds and Butterflies

Thursday, June 14, 10 am – 12 noon

Spend a lovely morning in June walking around the gardens of Meadowbrook Farm with head gardener **Glenn Ashton** and learning which plants attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Glenn will share tips on what to plant for larval and adult butterflies and how to keep the hummingbirds around all summer long. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk/Demonstration: Basic Pruning Techniques

Wednesday, June 20, 10 am – 12 noon

Pruning is a basic skill every gardener must develop. In this demonstration, which includes a walk around the grounds of Meadowbrook Farm, general manager **John Story** will present essential and practical tips for pruning a variety of shrubs, including broad-leaf evergreens, conifers, flowering shrubs, and "cut backs." **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Tour: The Legacy of Liddon Pennock

Wednesday, July 11, 10 am – 12 noon

This in-depth tour of Meadowbrook Farm's noted Robert McGoodwin-designed estate will include an expanded discussion on the style of J. Liddon Pennock, who was influenced by the eighteenth-century designer, Robert Adam. **Diana K. Weiner** will lead us through the interiors and discuss how Mr. and Mrs. Pennock lived, and **Ted Zoltowski** will show us how the gardens radiating out from the house relate to the site and demonstrate Mr. Pennock's aesthetic principles. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-member.**

Demonstration: Grasses Sway the Summer Away

Wednesday, July 18, 10 am – 12 noon

Ornamental grasses add a feeling of coolness to the summer garden as they sway in the slightest breeze. They are easy to care for, elegant yet tough, and drought and deer resistant! There are many to choose from in various heights and colors for every garden. **Diana K. Weiner** will show us how these simple plants can bring excitement to your garden. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

WAYNE, PA

Walk: Shade Gardening and Spring Perennials for Shade

Wednesday, May 16, 6 – 8 pm

Gardening in the shade poses a unique set of challenges, but the rewards can be most satisfying as you enjoy the cool blends of colors and textures that shady gardens offer. Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** as she explores plants growing in varying degrees of shade. As she leads us through the lovely grounds of Chanticleer, Lisa will point out spring perennial plants suited for moist and dry situations. She will also discuss soil preparation, plant selection, maintenance, and dynamic plant combinations. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Vertical and Horizontal

Date Change: Thursday, May 24, 6 – 8 pm

In this informal walk and discussion in the garden, horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** will discuss the use of vines and groundcovers that can complement your landscape and garden plantings, focusing on uncommon or underutilized plants. We all have vertical challenges in our gardens, and we often have a lot of ground to cover, so this class will focus on these issues and offer creative solutions and options. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Native Plants

Wednesday, June 6, 6 – 8 pm

Uniquely adapted to local growing conditions, native plants are among the most rewarding plants you can grow. While they have become increasingly popular over the last decade, natives are unfamiliar to many gardeners. Come and gain a new appreciation of their offerings as we tour Chanticleer with horticulturist **Joe Henderson**. He will discuss lesser- known and more common natives and suggest how to use them in the landscape. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Sensational Summer Containers

Wednesday, June 20, 6 – 8 pm

Container gardening at Chanticleer goes way beyond the ordinary, mingling annual, perennial, tropical, and subtropical plants in vibrant, highly creative combinations. **Dan Benarcik** will discuss how to create successful container gardens and will offer suggestions for uncommon plant combinations. He'll also discuss cultural concerns such as soil mixes, watering, and fertilization. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

House and Garden

Wednesday, July 18, 6 – 8 pm

Chanticleer was built in 1913 during the Country Place Era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many businessmen and industrialists built expansive country estates away from the noise and congestion of cities. Designed initially as a summer home close to railroad transportation from Philadelphia, the house was enlarged in 1924 to become a year-round residence. This tour will include the ground floor of the main house with an emphasis on the relationship of the house to the greater landscape. We will learn about house contents and family history from archivist **Anne Sims**, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss the gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Line, Color, Form, and Hot New Plants

Wednesday, July 25, 6 – 9 pm

What makes a plant attractive? Is it the architecture, the effect it creates in the garden, the emotion the colors induce, or all of the above? Join horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** as we stroll through the gardens looking at what the Chanticleer staff does best: growing and displaying new plants and innovative plant combinations. Dan will emphasize plants with interesting lines, texture, and color—both hardy and tender—that are suitable for Delaware Valley gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

COACH TOUR

Duke Farm Indoor Display Garden and Country Manor

Thursday, May 3, 2007, 9 am – 6 pm
Hillsborough, New Jersey

Our coach tour will take us to the Duke Farm estate in Hillsborough, New Jersey, which was developed by tobacco and hydropower magnate James Buchanan Duke beginning in 1893. The estate was inherited by his daughter, Doris Duke, in 1925 and she continued to enhance the property. In the morning we will tour the greenhouse and indoor display gardens, including 11 enchanting gardens created by Doris Duke in the early 1960s and inspired by diverse cultures and regions of the world. These indoor gardens are famous for their vibrant colors and delightful fragrances, elegant statues, splashing fountains, bridges, reflective pools, and babbling brooks.

After a box lunch at the outdoor eatery we will tour the manor house. Set within the main living areas of the estate's 76,000-square-foot residence, the tour reflects the Duke family's passion for horticulture by educating visitors about how plants may be integrated into interior design. Rooms featured on the tour include Doris Duke's "Hollywood" wing and indoor tennis court, upon which sits a partially constructed Thai temple.

Coach pickups will be available at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and at PHS at 20th and Arch Streets. **Limit: 34. Fee: $85 members, $100 non-members (includes coach, boxed lunch and snacks, and guided tours).**

2007 PHS GARDEN VISITS

Chester Springs, May 20
Doylestown, June 3

This year's Garden Visits will spotlight exceptional gardens in Chester County (May 20) and near Doylestown (June 3). These self-guided tours are from 12 noon to 5 pm, and exclusively for PHS members and their guests. Directions and a map will be sent upon registration. **Fee: $10 members, $25 guests of members.**

Wyck, Germantown

Woody Plant Conference

Friday, July 20, 2007
Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, PA

Sign up early for this year's Woody Plant Conference. The all-day conference will include lectures on woody plants in New Zealand; new plant introductions from China growing in western Canada; conifers for Mid-Atlantic gardens; native trees, shrubs, and vines; and a slide show of the Arboretum Wespelaar in Belgium.

Speakers include Kathryn Bellvile, an urban forestry consultant, arborist with Bartlett Tree Experts, and a member of the faculty of the Arboretum School of the Barnes Foundation; Longwood Gardens instructor Richard L. Bitner, author of *Garden Conifers: An Illustrated Encyclopedia*; Gordon Collier, who is best known for his New Zealand garden at Titoki Point and as gardens editor of *New Zealand House & Garden* magazine; Donald J. Leopold, an instructor in environmental and forest biology at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry; Philippe de Spoelberch, vice chairman and creator of Arboretum Wespelaar in Haacht, Belgium; and A. Peter Wharton, curator of the David C. Lam Asian Garden of the University of British Columbia Botanical Garden and Centre for Plant Research in Vancouver.

The Woody Plants Conference is co-sponsored by PHS, Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and the Tyler Arboretum. The conference includes lunch and tours of the Scott Arboretum.

To register, please call the continuing education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507. For more information, visit *www.woodyplantconference.org*.

Spring Tree Tenders Training

In partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, PHS offers **nine hours of Tree Tenders training** for residents of Philadelphia and the four surrounding Pennsylvania counties. The hands-on training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care, fundraising, and working with local government and within your community. This course is designed for lay people and experts alike and is offered at three locations this spring.

Over the past 15 years, Southeastern Pennsylvania has lost millions of trees. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has created **TreeVitalize**, a public-private partnership to help replenish the region's trees. You can help by becoming a Tree Tender!

Trainings were held earlier this spring in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. The next training is in Philadelphia:

Three Wednesdays, May 16, 23 & 30, 5:45 – 8:45 pm
PHS, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor
Philadelphia, PA

The course is FREE, but registration is required. Snacks are served. Given the intensity of the training and the late hours, the training is not appropriate for children under 13. To register by mail, please send us your name, address, phone number, and email address to: **Dawn Waters, PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia PA 19103.** To register electronically, email the same information to *dwaters@pennhort.org*. To register online, go to *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, click on "Tree Tenders Training," and fill in the online registration form.

PHS Members' Shopping Day at Primex

Saturday, May 12, 8 am – 5 pm

The day before Mother's Day is the perfect time to purchase a Mother's Day gift or stock up on tools or plants for the growing season. Primex, located at 435 W. Glenside Avenue in Glenside, will offer a **10% discount** on Saturday, May 12 to PHS members with a current membership card and to people who join PHS that day.

The discount applies to all purchases (with a few exceptions), from gifts to organic soil amendments and fertilizers to trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals. Stop by and say hello to PHS representatives from 8 am – 5 pm. Show your PHS card and save!

Botanical Illustration Students to Exhibit in McLean Library May 1 – June 1

For several years, PHS has offered a workshop in botanical illustration. The eight-week introductory class is led by Eileen Rosen, who has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. This spring, past and present students in the class will exhibit their work in the PHS McLean Library. The exhibit will be on display from May 1 through June 1. There will be a **reception on Wednesday, May 2, *from 5:30 to 7:30 pm*** *in the Library, which is open* to the public. Artwork will be for sale by arrangement with the artists.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			TOTAL FEE: $	

Name: _____ Member ID# _____

Guest(s): _____
(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____

Signature: _____

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS activities. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information about activities, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

Film Celebrates PHS's City Harvest Program

Sunday, May 20, 2 pm, Philadelphia Museum of Art

Philadelphia filmmaker Deborah Rudman has produced a documentary about PHS's City Harvest program that premiered at the Philadelphia Film Festival in April. The next screening will be held at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Sunday, May 20, at 2 pm.

City Harvest is an innovative PHS program that links incarcerated men and women from the Philadelphia Prison System with community gardeners and local food cupboards. The inmates start seeds at a Prison System greenhouse; community gardeners nurture the seedlings to maturity; and, through a partnership with SHARE (Self Help Resource and Exchange), the resulting produce is distributed to Philadelphia families in need. The 40-minute film explores the impact of the program on the lives of those involved.

A film called "The African Garden," about the dedicated gardeners at Las Parcelas, a PHS-supported community garden in North Philadelphia, will also be shown.

The program is FREE with regular Museum admission ("pay what you will" on Sundays). Tickets are available at the admissions desk or by calling 215-235-SHOW. For more information, visit *www.philamuseum.org*.

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PHS staff member Lisa Mosca works with inmates at the Philadelphia Prison System garden.

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People, Plants, and Fun

Here are some highlights from a busy spring season at PHS:

Pete Prown

▲ On April 21, 60 neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia were buzzing with activity as more than 2,000 volunteers from all walks of life participated in the 8th annual **SPRING INTO YOUR PARK.** Volunteers collected 2,000 bags of trash and debris, removed more than 40 tires, planted 88 trees and nearly 2,000 annuals, and cleaned over 80 graffiti sites.

Laura Beitman

▲ Also in April, 850 students from the Simon Butler Elementary School in Chalfont, Bucks County, PA, enjoyed a visit from William Penn (portrayed by an actor), played the "Environmental Jeopardy" game, and watched a ceremonial tree planting at their school. The festivities were sponsored by **TREEVITALIZE**, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources that aims to restore thousands of trees to Southeastern Pennsylvania and promote the value of trees. PHS is a leading TreeVitalize partner.

Margaret Funderburg

◀ On May 17, PHS completed the largest **CITY HALL IN BLOOM** event since the annual planting began 16 years ago. More than 6,600 flowering plants were put into the ground around City Hall, in JFK Plaza, and on Logan Square by some 300 volunteers from event sponsor **KPMG LLP** and fourth-grade students from Bache-Martin Elementary School, as well as staff from PHS and Fairmount Park.

SAVE THE DATE for PHS Members' Day Saturday, September 15

Mark your calendar and save the date for PHS Members' Day on **Saturday, September 15, from 11 am to 4 pm at the Philadelphia Naval Yard.**

The ever-popular **Annual Plant Dividend,** a benefit of membership, will be held in a large tent, offering thousands of plants to choose from. **You'll need your membership card to enter the tent, so be sure to bring it along.** Choose from an amazing array of perennials, trees, shrubs, and houseplants. Full household members may select up to three plants and associate members may choose one plant.

Plants will be the focus of the day, with several other opportunities to purchase that perfect treasure. The third annual **TreeVitalize tree sale** will feature beautifully grown specimens that can be pre-ordered (lists are available on the PHS website and through the mail). Five **vendors** will also have plants available for sale, including everything from perennials and orchids to shrubs. Plant societies will be on hand offering **horticultural information**.

The day will also include **children's activities**; the **Gardeners' Studio** with horticultural presentations; tours of the Navy Yard; a Hospitality Tent with refreshments and music; and the **PHS Auction**, featuring unique items from past Flower Shows. New members and members who renew that day will receive a gift for the garden.

So save the date and plan to bring friends, family, and neighbors for a fun-filled Members' Day!

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PEPPERPOT

Spring and Summer Pleasures

The middle weeks of May were just glorious, bringing crisp mornings, warm afternoons, and so much bloom it was hard to know where to look first. My garden in May gave me lots of pleasure, despite the challenges presented by herds of deer that munch as they move around the place and by A&P (Angus and Paris), the two poodles who seem to think they have as much right to dig in the garden as I do—their holes are just never where I need them.

One plant especially stood out this spring. *Rhododendron* 'Daviesii' has attractive blue-green leaves and produces pale yellow, very fragrant flowers in mid-May. This azalea is a favorite not only because it blooms so well, but because I grew the plants from cuttings. It was 1976 and I had my first summer job when I was a student in Temple University's two-year horticulture program.

My employer was the late Sally Reath, an avid gardener who won many blue ribbons in the Philadelphia Flower Show and had a lovely garden in Devon. Sally had wonderful design abilities, but I will always remember Sally as a propagator. That summer she showed me how to start softwood cuttings and told me to take cuttings of any plants in her garden that appealed to me. My line of doublefile viburnum (*Viburnum plicatum* var. *tomentosum*), now 10 to 15 feet tall, grew from cuttings taken from Sally's plants, as did the deutzia hedge and a tall deciduous azalea named 'Gibraltar'. Gibraltar's flowers are a gaudy orange, and it doesn't really improve the appearance of my garden in May, when most of the blooms are pink or white. I should probably "retire" it, but hey, it came from Sally's garden, so I just like having it around to remind me of her. Sally was never shy or retiring, and this plant isn't either.

Another garden that looked wonderful this spring was Chanticleer…A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne. PHS is lucky enough to hold its annual New Members' reception at Chanticleer, and this year Chanticleer also hosted our annual get-together for Flower Show exhibitors and volunteers. Those events took place on two of the most beautiful nights of the year. As PHS members, you receive a 20% discount when you visit Chanticleer. Members also receive a discount on the many education programs held there throughout the year (see pages 6 and 7).

Make sure you go this summer, when the garden is equally glorious. One of the nicest times to visit is on a Friday evening, when Chanticleer is open until 8 pm. Take a blanket and a picnic basket and enjoy not only the plantings, but also the peace and quiet of this beautiful old estate.

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Tropical Treasures at Meadowbrook Farm

Summer is the season for backyard barbeques, baseball games, and other outdoor pleasures. For those who strive for a property that makes an impression, Meadowbrook Farm carries a range of **summer-flowering plants.**

"It's always a good idea to 'freshen up' the garden in summer," says Meadowbrook Farm head grower Jessica Story. "After spring flowers fade, tropical plants provide color and life and can withstand the heat."

Lantana is a favorite at this time of year. The small flowers grow in round bunches known as umbels, which attract butterflies. Available in a variety of warm colors and white, lantana usually blooms until the first frost sets in and does well in partial shade. It's easy to grow and drought resistant, too.

Also available at Meadowbrook is ***Bougainvillea***, another summertime favorite. Adding flourish to fences, arbors, or patios, bougainvillea can adapt to all sorts of environments. But be warned; this brightly colored plant has sharp thorns.

The Meadowbrook gift shop is open Monday through Saturday. (Please note: Meadowbrook Farm will be closed from July 4 to 8 for inventory.) More information on tropical plants can be found at *www.floridata.com*.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Darlene Marcus & Viery Ricketts-Thomas

Darlene Viery

Glenwood Green Acres has long been one of Philadelphia Green's celebrity gardens. It's been featured in PHS publications, at the Flower Show exhibit, and as a popular stop on garden tours. Glenwood's legendary president, James Taylor, started the garden in 1983, but vice president Darlene Marcus and secretary Viery "Vy" Ricketts-Thomas are also responsible for the garden's success.

Darlene's grandfather worked alongside Mr. Taylor in the garden's early days. When he became ill, Darlene took care of his plot for him. "He was gardening through me," she says. She often took pictures of the garden for him or brought him there in his wheelchair. "When he passed," she says, "I kept his plot going." That was about 20 years ago.

These days, Darlene arranges her schedule to find time for gardening. Like her friend Vy, she works at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She often works the night shift during the summer so she can go to the garden during the day. With 96 plots in this large garden (which can be seen from trains traveling between 30th Street and North Philadelphia stations) there is a lot to do. She helps keep the perimeter of the garden looking good; helps care for a plot for PHS's City Harvest program, which distributes food to needy families; runs meetings; and assists fellow gardeners in addition to tending her own plot.

"Most of our gardeners are senior citizens," says Darlene. "I love working with them and learning from them. The garden keeps them going, and it's a great place to socialize. And if I've had a bad day, digging in the dirt makes everything seem better."

Darlene's co-hort Vy describes gardening as "therapy and recreation." She says, "I really love the earth—the amazement of planting something and watching it turn into a vegetable or fruit. I also like giving away some of what we grow and knowing that someone is enjoying it."

Whereas Darlene came into the garden through family, Vy's initiation, about 15 years ago, was serendipitous. "I went to the Flower Show and picked up a postcard of this beautiful garden. I showed it to Darlene at work, and she said, 'Oh yeah, that's our garden!'"

As garden secretary, Vy is responsible for keeping records of monthly meetings, managing financial matters, and helping with planning. She looks after the flower beds along the train-track edge of the garden. Both Darlene and Vy serve on the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and volunteer at the Flower Show. Vy also has her own flower garden at home and has participated in the PHS City Gardens Contest.

Unlike Darlene, who lives three blocks away from Glenwood Green Acres, Vy travels 20 minutes to the garden from her Overbrook neighborhood. She's not alone. Many Glenwood gardeners live in other parts of the city and even New Jersey, but they still fit gardening into their lives. "I make time for it," says Vy. "It's calming," adds Darlene.

Summer Youth Environmental Stewardship Program

The quality of life in Philadelphia depends in no small measure on the hard work of hundreds of committed volunteers who help beautify, enliven, and maintain their neighborhood parks, gardens, and open spaces. For this relationship to continue, PHS has long recognized that the next generation of open space stewards must be cultivated now. That's why PHS's strategic plan includes the goal of reaching out to younger audiences.

As part of its youth initiatives, PHS created the Summer Youth Environmental Stewardship Program, a partnership between Philadelphia Green, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, and the city's Fairmount Park Commission. Now in its second year, the "YES" program is part of Philadelphia Green's successful Parks Revitalization Project and aims to connect young people with local natural resources in ways that inform, inspire, and engage them. It provides six weeks of paid employment to youth in Philadelphia who take part in stewardship activities in city parks and recreations centers in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.

"It's vital that PHS programs engage youth in a meaningful way," says Joan Reilly, a Philadelphia Green director. "We want young people to understand that they can have a positive impact on their environment."

A former PHS project called 'Park Patrol' involved middle-school students in cleaning up and monitoring conditions in their local parks on a volunteer basis. The YES program was conceived as a way to reach older youth through environmental education, service-learning, job readiness, and leadership development. "YES offers a small salary, plus work experience and exposure to 'green industries,'" explains Parks Project manager Paul Bonfanti. "During those six weeks, the students are exposed to environmental careers that are available to people with a range of education levels and interests."

"We can't expect kids to value or appreciate something that they don't know about or understand," says Barbara McCabe, parks coordinator for the Recreation Department. "So I think one of the most important things about this program is just raising awareness of the natural world, with hope that young people will see their neighborhoods in a different way and will eventually become protectors of the environment in the urban setting."

YES is a collaborative endeavor. Participants are paid by the Philadelphia Department of Recreation (through a grant from Philadelphia Youth Network). The Department recruits students at high schools with horticulture programs, by word of mouth, and through advertisements seeking applicants who live near the selected sites. PHS employs environmental educators and a health educator to work directly with the students. The Fairmount Park Commission provides instructional support on physical improvement projects.

Last year's program brought significant improvements to the sites involved. YES participants planted trees, removed invasive species, planted gardens, and built a nature trail. The personal benefits to the students are less tangible but equally apparent. Says Bonfanti, "I really saw a big change in the kids last year. On the first day of the program, when I went to meet the kids at Cobb's Creek Park, they were quiet and did not look me in the eye. By the end of the summer, they could stand in front of 50 people and talk about their accomplishments."

Margaret Funderburg

YES participants at Cobbs Creek in 2006

A new angle this year is a health and fitness component that will focus on the ways in which the environment affects individual health. Piloted at one site, it will place a special emphasis on asthma, obesity, and diabetes. There will also be trips to community gardens, and at the end of the program, the students will celebrate with a healthy meal they prepare together.

The Youth Environmental Stewardship Program is funded by the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, the Environmental Leadership Program, the Fairmount Park Commission, and Fox & Roach Charities.

Trees for Peace

The Philadelphia Green Parks Revitalization Project has embarked on a year-long campaign to increase awareness of the role parks and recreation play in violence prevention. (Research shows that that well-maintained and vibrant green spaces in urban areas help reduce crime and violence.) **"Planting Peace in Philly"** was kicked off at the Spring Into Your Park Event in April and will focus on tree planting. "The hope is that engaging youth with their communities and their environment can help steer them toward positive activities," says Parks Project manager Paul Bonfanti.

How You Can Help Support this Project

Fox & Roach Charities has awarded PHS a challenge grant in the amount of $25,000. The grant will provide a dollar-for-dollar match for gifts made to the YES program, but only if PHS can raise $25,000 from corporate and foundation donors by December 1, 2007. For more information, please contact PHS development director Melissa DeRuiter at *mderuiter@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8766.

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer...A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA. **These events are free unless otherwise noted**. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, browse the calendar on the PHS website, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Bus trip to Valentine Gardens
Monday, July 9, 8:30 am – 1 pm, **$10 fee**
For more information and to register, please contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Pots in the Garden
Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Rodriquez Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
600 W. Girard Avenue

Growing Houseplants: A Fun Activity with Kids
Wednesday, July 18, 11 am – 12 noon
Widener Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2808 W. Lehigh Avenue

Bus Trip: Chanticleer through the Seasons – Summer
Thursday, July 19, 4:30 – 9 pm, **$10 fee**
For more information and to register, please contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Window Boxes and other Containers
Monday, July 23, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Marrero Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
601 W. Lehigh Avenue

Environmentally Friendly Gardening
Wednesday, July 25, 6 – 7 pm
Santore Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
932 S. 7th Street

The Summer Vegetable Garden
Saturday, July 28, 10 – 11:30 am
53rd & Warrington Community Garden
1145-47 S. 53rd Street

Herbs 101
Monday, July 30, 6 – 7 pm
South Philadelphia Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1700 S. Broad Street

Caring for Flowering Houseplants
Monday, August 13, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Whitman Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
200 Snyder Avenue

Herbs for the Home Garden
Wednesday, August 15, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute, Free Library of Philadelphia
1905 Locust Street

Bus trip to Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Farm in Franklinville, NJ
Thursday, August 16, 9 am – 3 pm, **$10 fee**
For more information and to register, please contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Cooking with Herbs
Saturday, August 25, 10 – 11:30 am
Awbury Garden Club, Awbury Arboretum
One Awbury Road (on Chew Avenue between Washington Lane and Haines Street)

Recent Happenings

▼ On Sunday, May 6, members of the **1827 SOCIETY** enjoyed a garden party at Frog Hollow, home of Eve and Per Thyrum. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to thank 1827 Society members for their annual leadership support and to welcome the 47 new 1827 Society members who joined since July 2006. (Photo – Frank Reed, Karen Minyard, Walt Fisher)

Margaret Funderburg

Betsy Gullan

▲ More than 300 guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the annual **AZALEA GARDEN PARTY**. This year's event was held on the deck of the Water Works Restaurant overlooking the Schuylkill. The annual event supports year-round maintenance of the beloved four-acre garden in Fairmount Park.

Dan Moise

▼ In April, PNC Advisors and PHS hosted a **PRESENTATION AND COCKTAIL RECEPTION** at Pond Restaurant in Radnor, PA. Featured speaker Tracy Gary, a noted philanthropist, donor activist, and author, discussed ways to make a greater impact through charitable giving. Pictured here are Karen Simmons, Carol Ware Gates and Tracy Gary.

▲ On May 22, PHS hosted its annual **NEW MEMBERS' PARTY** at Chanticleer ... A Pleasure Garden in Wayne, PA. About 450 people attended the event, sampling hors d'oeuvres, enjoying live music, and strolling about Chanticleer's 30-acre property. The new members also had the opportunity to chat with PHS staff and learn about the many ways to get involved with Philadelphia Green, the Philadelphia Flower Show, and other PHS programs.

PHS Awards for 2007

PHS is pleased to announce the Annual Awards for 2007. The awards will be formally presented at the 180th Annual Meeting on November 13, 2007.

Distinguished Achievement Medal

Chris Woods

Chris Woods began his career at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew, England. He is the former executive director of Chanticleer ... A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA, and in 2006 he became director of the VanDusen Botanical Garden in Vancouver, Canada. Chris served as guest designer for the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show's themed exhibit, *Legends of Ireland*. He has authored *The Encyclopedia of Perennials* (Facts on File, 1992) and was a guest editor of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's handbook *Perennials and Their Uses*.

During his tenure at Chanticleer, Chris transformed the private Wayne estate into a celebrated public garden. He collaborated with PHS on many programs, including the Gold Medal Plant Award, and generously offered to hold educational programs and membership events at the garden. He has served as a judge at many Flower Shows.

Certificates of Merit

A. William Graham

A. William Graham recently retired after 34 years of service at the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was senior consulting arborist. Through his training programs, Bill helped raise the level of professionalism in arboriculture throughout the Delaware Valley. He also shared his expertise with scores of institutions, including the University of Pennsylvania, MIT, and the White House. He has held leadership positions in the International Society of Arboriculture and helped develop its certification program.

Carla Puppin

A key member of the South Philadelphia community, Carla Puppin was instrumental in converting a huge tract of land at 10th & Washington Streets into a tree farm. When the property was sold, she persuaded the owner to donate a parcel of the site for a community garden, Bel Arbor, which has become a vibrant element of the neighborhood. Carla teaches art history at the Curtis Institute of Music and is executive director of the Queen Village Neighbors Association. A member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board, Carla volunteers at the Flower Show and participates in the PHS City Gardens Contest.

Mary Ann Thomas

Mary Ann Thomas is a perennial volunteer at PHS, contributing her time and considerable horticultural talents throughout the year. At the Flower Show, she works as a member of the Nomenclature Committee and recently served a two-year term as Horticulture Classes co-chair. She chairs the Membership Committee and serves on the Development, Suburban Greening, and Ask-a-Gardener committees. A past president of the Hardy Plant Society, Mary Ann owns a garden maintenance business.

A New Fund for Trees

PHS is delighted to announce the creation of the Edwin S. Bond Tree Fund. A lifelong Philadelphian who passed away last spring, Edwin Bond provided for PHS in his estate with a generous bequest that will support Philadelphia Green's work, specifically related to tree planting and tree maintenance in Philadelphia.

PHS Greening Award to Go Statewide

Since the last issue of *PHS News*, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB), an organization that works to promote and protect Pennsylvania's natural and community environments, and PHS have developed a joint initiative to expand the reach of PHS's Suburban Greening Award.

The two organizations will debut the "**The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Community Greening Award**" this summer. Similar in concept to the former Suburban Greening Award program, the new award will recognize neighborhood and civic groups, garden clubs, businesses, and municipalities who have made a difference in their communities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by planting and maintaining quality public spaces.

"We're delighted that this new partnership will allow us to reach out to members statewide," says PHS executive vice president Blaine Bonham.

To accommodate this newly combined program, the deadline for entries has been extended to July 15. To qualify, an improved space must serve as a community amenity and must be open to the public free of charge. **If you know of a planting that should be recognized, or to learn more, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *specialevents@pennhort.org* or visit the PHS website for more information.**

Enter the 2007 Garden Photo Contest

We want to see your best **Garden** shots, **Flower** close-ups, and other **Nature** and **Landscape** shots! Enter the Green Scene "Garden Photo Contest" and you could win this **Nikon Coolpix L10 digital camera**, provided by **Ritz Camera**.

You could win

The contest's judges—all professional photographers and gardeners from the Delaware Valley—will be looking for knock-out images that capture the essence of gardening and the beauty of nature. Winning photos will be published in the January/February 2008 issue of *Green Scene* magazine and on the PHS website.

Photos can be shot in any format, but must be submitted as 4 x 6- or 5 x 7-inch prints with your name, phone number, and email address on the back. (No submissions by email or on CD will be accepted.) **The deadline for entries is September 15, 2007.**

For more information, please visit the PHS website at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or email *greenscene@pennhort.org* with questions.

Programs for Flower Show Exhibitors

The following programs are free, but space is limited. Reservations are encouraged. For more information or to reserve a space, please contact Michelle Dean at *mdean@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8827.

Demonstration: Miniature Garden and Landscape Design 101

Tuesday, October 9, 10 am – 12 noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Abington Township, PA

Learn to garden on a truly diminutive scale! Miniature gardens are living, three-dimensional works of art that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, and they are crowd-pleasers at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Save the date for this informative and intriguing program with **Carla-Sabrina Pomponi and Irene Sobotincic**, who have both won many ribbons for their exhibits at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Carla will show slides and talk about past and present miniature gardens and landscapes at the Show. Irene will demonstrate how to build your own miniature garden, with an emphasis on proper soil, plant selection, and growing conditions.

Demonstration: Stuffed Forms

Tuesday, October 9, 1 – 3 pm
Meadowbrook Farm, Abington Township, PA

The 2008 Flower Show will feature a new class, **"Dog Show," for stuffed "canine" forms**. This delightful class will be on display at the Show all week! Plan now to attend the free "how-to" demonstration at Meadowbrook Farm. At that time, you can order forms and plants through Meadowbrook Farm, or you can provide your own.

Look for more information in the September/October *PHS News* and in the *Exhibitor's Guide*. **Important: Pre-registration by December 1 will be required for the "Dog Show" classes.**

Jewelry Demonstration: I Can't Believe It's Not Jewelry!

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 10 am – 12 noon
PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia

Have you ever looked at the Jewelry class entries at the Philadelphia Flower Show and thought, "How did that person do that?" or, "I can't believe it's plant material!" In this program, we will reveal the mysteries behind these creations and inspire you to try it for yourself.

The program will include:

- Practical tips on techniques, mechanics, and the best types of plant material to use, presented by **Jackie Purvis**, Jewelry chair, and **Amy Sutryn**, vice-chair.
- Slides of past winning entries with a discussion about why they won, presented by **Emilie Lapham**, two-time winner of the PHS Jewelry Trophy.
- A step-by-step demonstration of making a piece of jewelry by **Ginny Friedman**, who won the PHS Jewelry Trophy the first time she entered.

PHS Experts Share Gardening Tips on TV

PHS staff members Sally McCabe, Marilyn Romensko, and Julie Snell can be seen on **NBC 10's "Going Green/Watch Your Garden Grow"** series on Fridays (6 am) and Sundays (9 am). Topics have included getting ready for spring, mulch 101, garden maintenance, vegetable gardening, composting, and more. Tune in for some great gardening tips, or view slideshows on the NBC website at *www.nbc10.com/goinggreen/index.html*.

Logan's Empress Trees Find New Life in Art

When plans were first unveiled for the recent PHS-led landscape renovation at **Logan Square**, many Philadelphians expressed sadness at the removal of the 12 Empress trees (*Paulownia tomentosa*) that circled the Swann Memorial Fountain, a signature feature of the site. Happily, the trees have been replaced with healthy young specimens donated by Longwood Gardens. Now, salvaged wood from the original trees has found new life in a work of art, which is temporarily displayed in the lobby of the Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia, located on Logan Square.

Titled ***Swann***, this sculpture pays tribute to the city's history of traditional boat building. The sculpture is the result of a Four Seasons-sponsored competition to create a commemorative object from the historic wood. Lower Merion native **Jordan Griska** was selected to execute his winning design. Griska is a third-year student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and also pursues a bachelor of fine arts degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

"The new landscaping is exceptional, but we wanted to acknowledge a bit of the history that's so vital to the location," says Four Seasons Hotel general manager Harry Gorstayn. The Four Seasons has donated the sculpture to PHS, and it will be displayed permanently at PHS headquarters.

Swann by Jordan Griska

McLean Library Seeks Donations for Annual Book Sale

The McLean Library Book Sale will be held on **Tuesday, October 2, from 9:30 to 5 pm** in the library. The annual sale features new and used gardening books at exceptional prices. **The Library needs donations for this sale**, including used gardening books, natural history books, and cookbooks in good condition. Please drop off books at the McLean Library, 20th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information, please call 215-988-8772 or email *pbecroft@pennhort.org*.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Tour: The Legacy of Liddon Pennock

Wednesday, July 11, 10 am – 12 noon

This in-depth tour of Meadowbrook Farm's noted Robert McGoodwin-designed estate will include an expanded discussion on the style of J. Liddon Pennock Jr., who was influenced by the eighteenth-century designer, Robert Adam. **Diana K. Weiner** will lead us through the interiors and discuss how Mr. and Mrs. Pennock lived, and **Ted Zoltowski** will show us how the gardens radiating out from the house relate to the site and demonstrate Mr. Pennock's aesthetic principles. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-member.**

Demonstration: Grasses Sway the Summer Away

Wednesday, July 18, 10 am – 12 noon

Ornamental grasses add a feeling of coolness to the summer garden as they sway in the slightest breeze. They are easy to care for, elegant yet tough, and drought and deer resistant! There are many to choose from in various heights and colors for every garden. **Diana K. Weiner** will show us how these simple plants can bring excitement to your garden. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Herbs and Herbal Vinegars

Wednesday, September 26, 10 am – 12 noon

September is the time to harvest the bounty of herbs in our gardens. In this hands-on workshop, **Diana K. Weiner** will demonstrate how to save the flavor of summer, and participants will bring home a culinary treat. Start making your holiday presents now when the herbs are at their peak! **Limit: 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

WAYNE, PA

Tour: House and Garden

Wednesday, July 18, 6 – 8 pm

Chanticleer was built in 1913 during the Country Place Era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many businessmen and industrialists built expansive country estates away from the noise and congestion of cities. Designed initially as a summer home close to railroad transportation from Philadelphia, the house was enlarged in 1924 to become a year-round residence. This tour will include the ground floor of the main house with an emphasis on the relationship of the house to the greater landscape. We will learn about house contents and family history from archivist **Anne Sims**, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss the gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Line, Color, Form, and Hot New Plants

Wednesday, July 25, 6 – 9 pm

What makes a plant attractive? Is it the architecture, the effect it creates in the garden, the emotion the colors induce, or all of the above? Join horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** as we stroll through the gardens looking at what the Chanticleer staff does best: growing and displaying new plants and innovative plant combinations. Dan will emphasize plants with interesting lines, texture, and color—both hardy and tender—that are suitable for Delaware Valley gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration/Walk: Supermarket Flower Arranging

Wednesday, August 8, 6 – 8 pm

For those times of the year when you don't have buckets of flowers pouring in from the garden, learn some tricks to help you turn simple supermarket bouquets—supplemented with a few August garden blooms—into something really special. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will lead us on a pleasant stroll through Chanticleer's cut flower garden, discussing what makes a good cut flower, and then demonstrate how to arrange them with a supermarket bouquet for maximum impact. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Into the Woods

Wednesday, September 12, 6 – 8 pm

Join us for a cool, late summer stroll through the scented woods at Chanticleer as horticulturist **Lisa Roper** points out autumn highlights in the garden. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Tender Perennials

Wednesday, September 19, 6 – 8 pm

The cooler evenings of late summer are a time when many tender perennials are at their peak of perfection. Horticulturist **Robert Herald** will introduce us to new selections, as well as old favorites. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

WORKSHOP

Botanical Illustration: Miniature Garden Portraits in Colored Pencil

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 7 and 8, 10 am – 3 pm
PHS Classroom

At the end of this workshop taught by **Eileen Rosen**, you will go home with a charming, intimate "portrait" of a garden you love. Participants will begin by learning and practicing color pencil techniques, then will learn to reduce the extraneous details of the larger landscape. All levels of experience are welcome. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts; New York Botanical Garden; the Philadelphia Museum of Art; and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Limit: 15. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**

Woody Plant Conference

Friday, July 20, 2007
Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Sign up early for this year's Woody Plant Conference. The all-day conference will include lectures on woody plants in New Zealand; new plant introductions from China growing in western Canada; conifers for Mid-Atlantic gardens; native trees, shrubs, and vines; and a slide show of the Arboretum Wespelaar in Belgium.

Speakers include **Kathryn Belville**, an urban forestry consultant, arborist with Bartlett Tree Experts, and a member of the faculty of the Arboretum School of the Barnes Foundation; Longwood Gardens instructor **Richard L. Bitner**, author of *Garden Conifers: An Illustrated Encyclopedia*; Gordon Collier, who is best known for his New Zealand garden at Titoki Point and as gardens editor of *New Zealand House & Garden* magazine; **Donald J. Leopold**, an instructor in environmental and forest biology at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry; **Philippe de Spoelberch**, vice chairman and creator of Arboretum Wespelaar in Haacht, Belgium; and **A. Peter Wharton**, curator of the David C. Lam Asian Garden of the University of British Columbia Botanical Garden and Centre for Plant Research in Vancouver.

The Woody Plants Conference is co-sponsored by PHS, Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum. The conference includes lunch and tours of the Scott Arboretum.

To register, please call the continuing education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507. For more information, visit *www.woodyplantconference.org*.

Join the UC Green Pruning Club!

A PHS Tree Tenders Continuing Education Program

Join fellow Tree Tenders in a summer evening outing with the **UC Green Pruning Club** on Monday, **July 16** from 6:30 to 8 pm, followed by a gab fest and pizza picnic.

UC Green, a community organization in the University City section of West Philadelphia, launched its pruning club four years ago. Using hand tools and on-the-ground pruning techniques, the group makes weekly evening excursions led by newly certified arborists.

In addition to pruning dead and damaged branches, many members of the pruning club have helped **TreeVitalize** plant nearly 1,000 trees in University City. PHS is a lead partner in TreeVitalize, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources that aims to restore the region's tree cover.

On July 16, meet in front of Colonial Pizza at 43rd and Pine Street; the pruning will occur in this general locale. Bring gloves and any hand-held pruning tools (bypass pruners, loppers, folding saws, etc.) you might have; additional tools may also be available. Wear sensible shoes and clothing.

Please RSVP by Friday, July 13 to *wharris@ucgreen.org*. To learn more about UC Green, visit *www.ucgreen.org*.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			TOTAL FEE: $	

Name: _____ Member ID# _____

Guest(s): _____

(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

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PHS Presents Floral Designer Mark Pampling

Join us for an exciting event as acclaimed Australian floral artist Mark Pampling reinterprets traditional design to create contemporary sculpted arrangments.

In Pampling's first United States appearance, he will offer a demonstration plus workshops for arrangers of all levels. **All programs will be held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill.** Free parking will be available. For more information, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org.*

Demonstration: "Transformations"

Wednesday, October 3, 2007
10 am – noon
Arrangers' Boutique and Raffle
Optional light luncheon buffet $20
Fees: open seating $55; preferred seating $75

Workshops

Thursday, October 4, 2007
9 am - noon: Beginner to Intermediate Arrangers
1 - 4 pm: Experienced Arrangers
Fee: $160 for each workshop

Friday, October 5, 2007
9 am – 4 pm: Competitive Arrangers
Fee: $320; light lunch included

REGISTRATION FOR MARK PAMPLING EVENTS

Register by phone, fax or mail. Make checks payable to PHS and send to: Lisa Wiley, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495
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Wed., Oct. 3:	Demonstration	Open seating: ____ reservations @ $55 = $_____
		Preferred Seating: ____ reservations @ $75 = $_____
Wed., Oct. 3:	Light lunch buffet	____ reservations @ $20 = $_____
Thurs., Oct. 4:	AM Workshop: Beginner to Intermediate Arrangers	____ reservations @$160 = $_____
Thurs., Oct. 4:	PM Workshop: Experienced Arrangers	____ reservations @$160 = $_____
Fri., Oct. 5:	Workshop for Competitive Arrangers	____ reservations @$320 = $_____
	All proceeds benefit the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.	**TOTAL** $_____

Registering for two or more? Please include names and addresses of additional registrants on a separate sheet.

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed **OR** Please charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

Plant a Seed ... Volunteer

Volunteers fill many roles at PHS, contributing countless hours at the Philadelphia Flower Show, helping with special events, serving on committees, and supporting the work of Philadelphia Green. PHS has wonderful volunteer opportunities all year long. Choose from the list below or, for more information on how you can get involved, please contact Susan Strawbridge at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876.

City Harvest Volunteers

If you like to garden, City Harvest needs you. Through City Harvest, prison inmates start seedlings in a greenhouse and community gardeners grow the plants to maturity and donate the resulting produce to local food cupboards. Your gardening hands are needed at the participating community gardens. Choose a date and a garden by visiting our website. Click on the Philadelphia Green tab, then on "volunteer opportunities." **Contact Sharat Somashekara at *ssomashekara@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8787 to sign up.**

City Gardens Contest Judges

Do you know something about what makes a garden great? Would you like to learn? You can be a judge for the PHS City Garden Contest. Team up with other judges to visit gardens throughout Philadelphia and help choose the winners. **Please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897 to learn more.**

Database Volunteers

Are you familiar with Raiser's Edge software? Are you comfortable inputting data? Hours are flexible, and work takes place in the PHS offices. **Please contact Susan Strawbridge at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876 for more details.**

Special Classes Announced for the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show®

Thinking about entering the Horticulture Classes at next year's Philadelphia Flower Show? Why not try your hand at growing these new bulb selections or challenge plants for 2008.

Bulbs

General Bulb Classes (open to all exhibitors)

- *Narcissus* 'Marieke' (Division 1, Trumpet). Pot: 8-10 inches
- *Narcissus* 'Falconet' (Division 8, Tazetta). Pot: 8-10 inches
- *Narcissus* 'Monal' (Division 2, Large-Cupped). Pot: 8-10 inches
- *Tulipa* 'Pinocchio'. Pot: 8-10 inches
- *Tulipa* 'Monsella'. Pot: 8-10 inches
- Any *Chionodoxa*. Pot: 6 inches or under
- *Iris* 'Katharine Hodgkin'. Pot: 6 inches or under
- *Hyacinthus* 'Jan Bos'. Pot: 8 inches
- Any *Trillium*. Pot: 8 inches or under

Novice Classes (open to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Bulb Classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2008)

- *Narcissus* 'Jet Fire' (Division 6, Cyclamineus). Pot: 8 inches
- *Tulipa* 'Calgary' (Triumph). Pot: 8 inches
- *Hippeastrum* (Amaryllis), a single-nosed bulb

Note: All these bulbs must be grown and shown in pots of the size specified (inside diameter). You may use bulb pans, azalea pots, or standard pots for all bulb classes. Look for a complete listing of all bulb classes and an entry form in the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show *Exhibitor's Guide*.

Challenge Classes

Only plants purchased from PHS are eligible for these classes. **A limited supply of plants will be available for $5 each beginning Tuesday, September 18.** Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the Shows Department at PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103 (corner of 20th and Arch Sts.) during business hours. No reservations can be accepted. To see if plants are still available, please call PHS at 215-988-8800 and ask for the Shows Department.

- Class 2999—*Syngonium* 'White Butterfly'
- Class 3999—*Hosta* 'Cameo'
- Class 4999—*Chirita sinensis* 'Hisako'

PLEASE NOTE: The *Exhibitor's Guide*, entry forms, and a *Beginner's Guide* to entering the Horticulture Classes can be downloaded from the Flower Show website (*www.theflowershow.com*) each year beginning in September. To request a free printed copy of the Exhibitor's Guide, send your name and address (print clearly, please) to Exhibitor's Guide, Shows Department, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or send an email to *fsguide@pennhort.org*. (This email address is for Exhibitor's Guide requests only, not for general Show information. For Show information, please call 215-988-8800 or go to *www.theflowershow.com*.)

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PHS Members' Day 2007

Saturday, September 15

Don't miss the fifth annual **PHS Members' Day on Saturday, September 15, from 11 am to 4 pm** at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia.

It's a fun-filled day for the entire family, with music, food, special **members' promotions**, **tours** of the Navy Yard, a **marketplace** with vendors selling an array of plants and garden accessories, and the ever-popular **Annual Plant Dividend**. PHS merchandise will be for sale. The day will feature exciting **lectures and demonstrations** on horticultural topics beginning at 10 am and continuing until 3 pm, and local **plant societies** will be on hand.

This year's event includes expanded **children's activities**. The Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, PA, will send its "Zoo on Wheels," featuring animals and natural artifacts. The Academy of Natural Sciences will have a display, and families can also learn about honeybees from a local beekeeper.

In the **Membership Tent**, members who renew (regardless of expiration date) and members' guests who join PHS that day will receive a **free gift**.

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the **Hospitality Tent**, and **Johnnie's Dog House** from Wayne, PA, will sell beverages, hot dogs, pulled-pork sandwiches and salads.

Members can visit the **Plant Dividend Tent** to select free plants (one for Associate members and three for Full Household memberships and above). **Valid Membership Cards are required to enter the Dividend tent, so please remember to bring your card or visit the Membership Tent for a temporary card.** Plants are grown and donated by other members, commercial growers, and expert propagators. Selections include perennials, shrubs, houseplants, and trees that will beautify your indoor and outdoor garden for many years to come.

Be sure to stop at the **Gold Medal** tent, where you can purchase exceptional plants that have been recognized with the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions.

There will also be a **live auction** from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, featuring specimen plants and props from past Flower Show exhibits (credit cards accepted).

Ample **free parking** is available. For more information, driving directions, a complete list of speakers, and a partial list of this year's dividend plants, please visit the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*.

Tree Sale at Members' Day

PHS will again sponsor a **pre-order Tree Sale**. Order forms were included with Members' Day invitations and are also available on the PHS website. **All trees must be picked up on Members' Day**, Saturday, September 15.

All trees are container-grown for easy transport and are approximately 4 to 8 feet tall or 1½ to 1¾-inch caliper (trunk diameter). Varieties include Red Maple, Juneberry, River Birch, Forest Pansy Redbud, Carolina Silverbell, Tulip Poplar, 'Bloodgood' London Plane, Weeping Cherry, 'Okame' Flowering Cherry, Korean Stewartia and Japanese Snowbell. For more information on tree selections, visit the PHS website or contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897. **Please bring a vehicle suitable to transport your trees.**

Members' Day 2006

Getting to the Navy Yard

The Navy Yard is located at the south end of Broad Street and is easily accessible from I-95 (Exit 17, Broad Street). Enter through the main gate; Members' Day is held on the Parade Ground (watch for signs). For detailed driving directions, please visit the PHS website.

For SEPTA users, take the #17 bus (marked Navy Yard). On Saturdays, #17 buses leave from Center City (Front & Market, 6th & Market, 15th & JFK, 19th & Walnut,) approximately every 10 minutes. Please check with SEPTA for more information (215-580-7800 or online at *www.septa.org*).

Enter the Green Scene "Garden Photo Contest"

Entry Deadline September 15

There is still time to enter the **Green Scene "Garden Photo Contest"** and potentially win a **Nikon Coolpix L10 digital camera**, provided by Ritz Camera. The deadline for entries is September 15. Please email *greenscene@pennhort.org* or look under "Latest News" on the PHS website for more information.

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On the Road with PHS

My job at PHS gives me lots of reasons to be out and about looking at wonderful gardens throughout the year. In May and early June I had the opportunity, along with many of our members, to take part in **Garden Visits**, when generous gardeners open their properties for fellow members. What wonderful things we saw this year—on two of the most beautiful Sundays. If you have never taken advantage of this membership benefit, plan to do so next year. It's a rare opportunity to see five or more beautiful gardens in one afternoon. Look for information in the *News* starting in April 2008.

Later in June, we were on the road in Philadelphia with a group of donors visiting Philadelphia Green sites. We started by circling the recently completed landscape at **Logan Square**, a PHS project in cooperation with the Fairmount Park Commission, funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts. What a delight these plantings are and how happy I am to see people of all ages enjoying this beautiful part of our city. After Logan Square, we traveled to **community gardens**, **vacant land sites**, and **parks** that Philadelphia Green staff and neighbors have worked on together. PHS and other groups have a lot of work still to do in economically challenged communities in Philadelphia, but some areas have improved greatly over the past few years, thanks to the simple acts of turning abandoned lots full of trash into parks and well-maintained green spaces. If you would like to join us on a tour of Philadelphia Green's work, please send me an email at *jpepper@pennhort.org*.

In the middle of June, I was lucky enough to accompany a group of PHS members to gardens in **Wales** and **Hampshire in the south of England**. Our guides, Colin and Ann Senior, had warned us that gardens in Wales might be wild, wet, and weedy. What they hadn't fully prepared us for was how beautiful the countryside would be. When you have views such as those enjoyed by the gardeners we visited, weeds are of little consequence. June is rose season in England, and although some of the gardeners said (as gardeners everywhere do) that we "missed the best of the flowers," we were intoxicated by the blooms and scents and by the wonderful hospitality we received. Those English gardeners really made us feel at home, showing us not only their gardens, but also their homes and artwork and sometimes fascinating volumes showing garden plans from many years ago.

Next summer I will lead another trip to visit gardens in **England**, and PHS membership manager Betsy Gullan is planning one to **Holland and Belgium** (see page 5). In late December, Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney has been invited to judge the floats for the **Rose Bowl Parade**, and we are gathering a group to fly to Pasadena, California, for a trip that will include a "behind-the-scenes" visit to the float-building pavilions. If you would like information on any of these tours, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

For more than 60 years, Meadowbrook Farm has cultivated outstanding garden displays, including a woodland shade garden, an alpine garden, and a succulent garden. Adding to the ranks this year is an **All-America Display garden**, one of nearly 200 across the country.

In short, All-America Display gardens serve as testing grounds for select flowers and vegetables. Plants that thrive are evaluated and potentially earn the distinction of All-America Selection winner.

"This is the 75th anniversary of the All-America Selections, and Meadowbrook is proud and excited to be a part of it," says sales and community relations manager Diana K. Weiner.

See the garden firsthand at Meadowbrook's **Fall Open House on Saturday, September 29**. Beginning at 10 am, the day includes self-guided tours around the estate house, tasty refreshments, and activities for little ones. As always, Meadowbrook's gift shop will offer a wide selection of home and garden accessories and the greenhouses will practically burst with festive plants available for purchase.

See you at the Open House and remember, PHS members get great discounts on select items, so **bring your membership card**.

BRING IN THIS COUPON AND RECEIVE

$5 off

your purchase of $25 or more
(not including tax)

Coupon must be presented at the time of purchase. Offer valid through September 29, 2007. Limit one coupon per customer per day. Does not apply to previous purchases. Must present coupon at time of purchase. Cannot be used in combination with other coupons.

Attn cashier: PHS07-5

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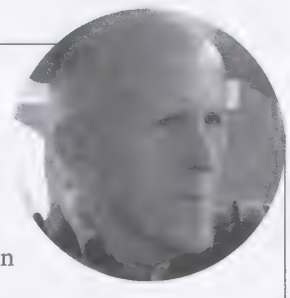
IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Tom Dilatush



Since the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award committee was formed in 1978, Tom Dilatush has been a dedicated member of the all-volunteer group. The Gold Medal program selects and promotes trees, shrubs, and woody vines of outstanding merit that gardeners in our region can grow with confidence. (See page 5 for this year's selections.)

"It's a great group of people who are very interested and knowledgeable about plants," Tom says. "Sitting around that big table, I always learn something I didn't know before." Twice each year, the committee sorts through a list of dozens of suggested plants. Tom says they try to put aside personal fondness for a certain plant and look at the selections objectively. The goal is to find great plants that will grow where most PHS members live.

"We try to choose plants with several interesting features rather than just one," says Tom. "We also want our suggestions to be practical; the plants need to be widely available so people can find them easily." The group also periodically checks up on live specimens of selected plants—most Gold Medal plants can be seen at the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College—to see how they actually fare in the garden.

Tom ran Dilatush Nurseries for 60 years until his retirement in 2000. He inherited the business from his father, who started out in 1916. The nursery specialized in American hollies and, later, dwarf conifers. Throughout his career, Tom relished the opportunity to travel to other nurseries and learn about new plants. "There was so much to learn all the time," he says. "It was just fascinating." He spent his vacations visiting wilderness areas throughout the US to learn about native plants.

Tom's love of learning has not faded during retirement. He is currently pursuing an extensive research project to advise local nurseries about native and non-native plants that will grow in this region. He hopes to produce a publication "or maybe a page on Wikipedia," says the tech-savvy octogenarian. He also keeps busy with the seven-acre wooded property he and his wife purchased after selling the nursery, where he enjoys "100-year-old trees and millions of birds."

PHS Gold Medal coordinator Joe Ziccardi says Tom and the other members of the Gold Medal committee have been very generous with their time. "Tom is a well-known plantsman and grower and an all-around nice guy," says Ziccardi. "We're lucky to have him on the committee."

PHS Receives Two Top Environmental Awards

PHS and the City of Philadelphia have received the **Home Depot Foundation's *Award of Excellence for Community Trees.*** The award honors a partnership project between a city and nonprofit partner. PHS was lauded for its partnership with the City and with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on TreeVitalize, a multi-year effort spearheaded by DCNR to restore trees in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The award was presented to Mayor John Street, TreeVitalize project director Patrice Carroll, and PHS executive vice president J. Blaine Bonham Jr. on June 23 at the US Conference of Mayors in Los Angeles. (For more on TreeVitalize, please visit *www.treevitalize.net.*)

The Home Depot Foundation, in partnership with the US Conference of Mayors, identifies, recognizes, and celebrates the success and benefits of public/private partnerships in developing healthy communities through tree plantings. For more information on Home Depot awards, please visit *www.homedepotfoundation.org.*

In addition, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) presented PHS with its ***Regional Environmental Program of the Year Award.*** PHS was recognized for the success of its **Philadelphia Green** program in transforming vacant lots throughout Philadelphia into vibrant green open spaces. DVRPC annually selects a small group of companies, organizations, and individuals that exemplify the best in corporate decision making, environmental planning, leadership and commitment to the region. Blaine Bonham accepted the award at the DVRPC Celebration of Regional Excellence Dinner in Philadelphia on June 5.

"It's extremely gratifying to have the work of PHS and its Philadelphia Green program recognized with significant regional and national awards like these," says Bonham. "It helps spread the message that greening is a powerful strategy for transforming the urban environment."

Blaine Bonham (right) received the DVRPC award from DVRPC executive director Barry Seymour (left) and Chester County Commissioner Carol Aichele.

City Harvest Hosts "Gleaning Days"

Share Your Extra Garden Produce with Those in Need

Saturday, September 15, 10 am – 1 pm

"Gleaning" is the practice of collecting leftover produce from farm fields after mechanical harvesting and donating it to emergency food cupboards. Through Philadelphia Green's **City Harvest** project, home and community gardeners can "glean" from their own gardens this fall and donate extra produce to help needy families in our region.

City Harvest is a partnership with the Philadelphia Prison System; community gardeners; SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange), a nonprofit network that provides nutritious food to families and individuals; and the Health Promotional Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania (HPC). Inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System start vegetable seedlings that are grown to maturity at 25 community gardens in Philadelphia, and SHARE facilitates distribution of the produce to area food cupboards. HPC provides nutrition education.

If you would like to participate, please collect your extra garden produce and bring it to one of following locations in Philadelphia on Saturday, September 15 from 10 am to 1 pm. Any amount is welcome. Donations of fresh, ready-to-eat vegetables or fruit can be packed in boxes or bags. Produce should be cleaned of soil (a few bug holes are okay), have no major bruising, and preferably be naturally grown. SHARE will begin picking up donations at 1 pm. **Participants will be entered into a raffle to win tickets to the Philadelphia Flower Show.**

Locations for September 15:

Aspen Farms, 4837 Aspen St, 19139 (West Philadelphia, 49th & Aspen Streets, off Haverford Ave)

Bel Arbor Community Garden, 1012 Kimball St., 19147 (South Philadelphia, between 10th & 11th Sts. just south of Carpenter)

Garden RUN, 242 Monastery Ave., 19128 (Off Ridge Avenue in Roxborough)

Liberty Lands Garden, 913 N 3rd St., 19123 (Northern Liberties, entrance off Bodine & American Sts.)

For more information, email *cityharvest2@pennhort.org* or call Eileen Gallagher at 215-988-8880.

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer…A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA. **These events are free unless otherwise noted.** For more information , browse the calendar on the PHS website, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Fall Rose Care
Saturday, September 8, 10 – 11 am
Campbell Square Community Park
2500 block of East Allegheny Avenue

Bus trip to Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, PA
Wednesday, September 12, 9 am – 3 pm
Registration by September 5 and a **$10 fee** are required.

Chanticleer through the Seasons – Fall
Thursday, September 20, 4:30 – 9 pm
Registration by September 13 and a **$5 fee** are required.

Planting for Fall Color
Saturday, September 29, 10 am – noon
Bartram's Gardens
54th Street & Lindbergh Blvd.

Bus Trip to Historic Pennsbury Manor
Monday, October 1, 9 am – 2 pm
Registration by September 25 and a **$10 fee** are required.

Fall Tree Walk
Wednesday, October 10, 6 – 7:30 pm
Horticulture Center of Fairmount Park
Belmont Avenue and North Horticultural Drive

Arranging Fresh Flowers
Monday, October 15, 7 – 8 pm
Roots Community Garden, Fisher Park
6th & Spencer Streets (top of steps), Spencer Street entrance

Festive Fall Containers
Saturday, October 20, 2 – 3 pm
Wynnefield Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5345 Overbrook Avenue

Houseplants: Your Indoor Garden
Monday, October 22, 6 – 7 pm
Eastwick Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2851 Island Avenue

Fall is for Planting
Saturday, October 27, 2 – 3 pm
Blanche Nixon/Cobbs Creek Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5800 Cobbs Creek Parkway

Holiday Houseplants
Monday, October 29, 7 – 8 pm
Fox Chase Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
501 Rhawn Street

A Philadelphia Green Journey

Philadelphia Green senior director and Eisenhower Fellow Maitreyi Roy recently returned from a two-month tour of Europe's great urban spaces. She has written about her adventures and reflections in her blog, EuroGreen Observations, which includes photographs of outstanding urban green spaces. Read her postings at *www.green-journey.blogspot.com* and look for an interview with Maitreyi in an upcoming issue of *PHS News.*

Leadership Members Gather in Bryn Mawr

The Leadership Level Membership Party is an annual thank-you event held at a private garden for Contributing ($150), Sponsoring ($300) and Sustaining ($600) members of PHS. This year's event was hosted by Daria and Andy Pew of Bryn Mawr, PA. Two hundred guests enjoyed refreshments at Llantair, the Pew's beautiful garden (see photo). To become a leadership level member or to upgrade your membership, please visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or call member services at 215-988-8776.

Suzanne Betts

Charitable IRA Rollover Provision Successful—But Ending Soon

You may recall an article in the November/December 2006 *PHS News* announcing IRA rollover provisions enacted last summer. Those provisions allow direct, tax-free rollovers to public charities for amounts up to $100,000 from IRA accounts owned by individuals at least 70 1/2 years of age. An article in *Investment News* (June 27, 2007) claims that at least $75 million has been donated to charity as a result of these IRA rollover provisions. However, these provisions are scheduled to end in December 2007 and may or may not be renewed.

According to the article, "non-profit organizations are hopeful that Congress will keep the window open and make the law permanent. The Public Good IRA Rollover Act of 2007, a bill introduced in March, would expand the IRA charitable rollover to include gifts made to donor-advised funds, supporting organizations, and private foundations and would cover gifts greater than $100,000 and planned gifts by donors older than age 59."

If you are 70 1/2 or older, a tax-free rollover from your IRA would be an ideal way to make a year-end gift to PHS. Gifts may be designated to support programs such as youth education, community gardens or trees, or may be unrestricted to provide support to PHS's work in the community that needs your funds the most.

For more information about making a tax-free IRA rollover, or about other ways to give to PHS, please contact development director Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*.

Membership Notes

Autumn is an exciting time at PHS, from the fun-filled **Members' Day** (see page 1) to special floral design workshops to educational activities. Autumn also signals the beginning of a busy time for **membership renewal** as we anticipate the upcoming Flower Show. Sincere thanks to those members who respond to the first renewal mailing, thereby saving time, printing, and postage.

Membership rates have changed for the first time in 10 years, and a new membership category has been added to meet the needs of families with young children. The new **Associate Family membership ($65)** includes all the benefits of an associate membership plus Show tickets for two adults and two children (2 – 16 years). Members who enjoy the Green Scene, the Reciprocal Admissions Program, the Subaru VIP Program, and attendance at the Flower Show Members' Preview should continue with Household categories and above for the best value.

The new vendors' list for 2007-2008 is ready now with names of nurseries and garden centers offering discounts throughout the year to PHS members who present their membership cards at the time of the sale. Most discounts are 10%. Print the list from our website at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or request a hard copy by telephone or email. Hard copies are sent with each renewal acknowledgement.

The American Horticultural Society, which administers the **Reciprocal Admissions Program** that PHS offers as a benefit to Household and Leadership level members, has instituted a policy that excludes gardens located within 90 miles of one another from participating in the program.

As a result of this new policy, **PHS members are no longer eligible to receive reciprocal admission benefits to the Morris Arboretum** of the University of Pennsylvania. However, the Morris Arboretum has graciously offered to provide a $2 discount off admission (*excluding members-only events*) to PHS members at the Household and Leadership level. PHS members are frequent visitors to the Morris Arboretum, and we are delighted that Morris will offer this special discount.

For more information about PHS membership, please contact member services at *memserv@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8800.

Recent Challenge Drives Successful

The **1827 Society Challenge** exceeded its challenge goal of $120,000, raising new and increased gifts of $310,000! Many thanks to all 1827 Society Members who increased their support, and a big welcome to new 1827 Society and President's Circle Members. PHS is especially grateful to the donors who made this challenge possible:

Lloyd and Thacher Brown
G. Morris Dorrance, Jr.
June and Donald Felley
Sally and George R. Graham, Jr.
Louise and Harry Hill
David P. and Alexis C. Hollander
Josephine Klein
Bill and Elizabeth McLean
Ann and Frank Reed
Alan P. Slack
John P. Swan
Teresa and Ken Wood

PHS also exceeded its challenge from the **Independence Foundation** to raise new and increased gifts to the **Annual Fund**, having raised an additional $74,589. We are now embarking on the third and final year of this challenge and have until June 30, 2008 to raise an additional $10,000 in new and increased gifts. Please visit the PHS website to participate in the Independence Foundation challenge, or call the development office at 215-988-8800 for more information about making a gift to PHS.

McLean Library News

Seventh Season for Book Group

The PHS McLean Library's **"Stories from the Garden"** book group reads and discusses works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land. The group meets from **5:45 to 7:45 pm on the first Thursday of each month (except March), starting October 4**. Discussions are free and open to all. Please pre-register by contacting Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772.

2007-2008 Schedule and Reading List:
October 4: Walt Whitman, Selected Poems
November 1: Loren Eiseley, selected essays from *The Unexpected Universe* and *The Immense Journey*
December 6: Laura Waterman, *Losing the Garden: The Story of a Marriage*
January 3: Tennessee Williams, "Suddenly Last Summer" (play)
February 7: F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
April 3: V. S. Naipaul, *The Enigma of Arrival*
May 1: Zora Neale Hurston, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
June 12: Okakura Kakuzo, *The Book of Tea;* Murasaki Shikibu, excerpt, *The Tale of Genji*

Book Sale on Tuesday, October 2

Mark your calendar for the **PHS McLean Library Book Sale on Tuesday, October 2, from 9:30 am to 5 pm in the library**. Buy new gardening books at up to a 50% discount and used classics at exceptional prices. **We need donations** for this sale, including used gardening books, natural history books, and cookbooks in good condition. Please drop off books at the McLean Library, 20th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, between 9 am & 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Donations will be accepted until September 21. For more information, please contact Priscilla Becroft at 215-988-8772 or *pbecroft@pennhort.org*.

Travel with Us

Gardens in Holland and Belgium

April 20 – May 3, 2008

Join us for an exciting trip to Holland and Belgium to visit outstanding private gardens in each country. We will learn the latest ideas in Dutch and Belgian garden design as well as the influence of historic gardens.

We will visit the Keukenhof, the showplace for Dutch bulb growers that is open for only a few weeks each spring, and Het Loo palace and restored gardens. Our guide, Beline Geertsema-Key, organizes the Dutch Open Garden Scheme and knows the best private gardens in the country.

The itinerary also includes museums like the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, the Mauritshuis in The Hague, and the Kroller-Muller Museum in Otterlo near the Dutch city of Arnhem.

The Gardens of Dorset and Lower Thames Valley with Jane Pepper

June 8 - 18, 2008

Next June, Jane Pepper will lead a tour of British gardens, first in the rural coastland and chalk downs of Dorset, then in the rich lower Thames Valley in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

Dorset features a wide range of garden styles, from the sub-tropical at Abbotsbury to the architectural at Athelhampton. The Thames valley, which has for centuries been the main economic artery of southern England, has spacious estates such as Cliveden and West Wycombe, as well as smaller specialist and village gardens.

The PHS group will be welcomed in many private gardens for tours, lunch, and afternoon tea. We will also visit notable architectural sites in Dorset and Sherborne Abbey, along with Prince Charles's "model village" at Poundbury. Tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior, owners of the specialty Heritage Garden Tours, will join Jane in leading the group.

Insider's Visit to the Tournament of Roses with Jane Pepper

December 28, 2007 – January 2, 2008

Spend a day helping prepare a float for the world-famous parade, then watch your work cruise by from a special viewing stand in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day. We will stay in Old Pasadena within walking distance of shops, galleries, and restaurants and participate in select behind-the-scenes events. Jane Pepper will lead this tour, which also includes side trips to Los Angeles, the Huntingdon Botanical Garden, and a New Year's Eve Concert at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

NOTE: Itineraries for these trips will be available soon on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*. Members who have traveled with PHS within the last five years will receive them by mail. To receive printed copies, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.

2008 PHS Gold Medal Plant Awards

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award program promotes beautiful and reliable trees, shrubs, and vines that thrive in the Mid-Atlantic region. Five plants—three trees and two shrubs—have received the PHS Gold Medal for 2008. For a complete list of all Gold Medal plants, as well as detailed plant descriptions and photographs, visit *www.goldmedalplants.org*. See the September/October issue of *Green Scene*, for more information on this year's winners.

***Buxus sempervirens* 'Dee Runk' (Boxwood)**
An upright, evergreen boxwood with blue-green foliage.

***Carpinus japonica* (Japanese Hornbeam)**
A small, deciduous tree characterized by a rounded, wide-spreading habit.

***Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Duke Gardens' (Plum Yew)**
A small, spreading conifer that, unlike the common yew, is deer resistant.

***Magnolia virginiana* 'Jim Wilson' Moonglow® (Sweetbay Magnolia)**
Known in the nursery trade as 'Jim Wilson' (named for the longtime host of PBS's Victory Garden), Moonglow® is a standout native magnolia.

***Metasequoia glyptostroboides* 'Ogon' (Yellow Dawn Redwood)**
This cultivar with bright-yellow needles grows more slowly and is slightly smaller than the popular species of dawn redwood.

PHS Annual Meeting

November 13, 2007

Please join us for the PHS Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, November 13 at 5 pm at PHS headquarters** (100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia). We will elect new members of Council, present the 2007 PHS Annual Awards (published in the July/August *PHS News*), and take up other Council business.

The Council has approved the nomination of the following members for re-election to second three-year terms, starting in November 2007: **Iris Brown**, **Rebecca S. Campbell**, **Robert B. Jefferson**, **Richard Meischied**, **Steve Mostardi**, **Robert Q. Reilly**, and **Kenneth G. Wood**.

The Nominating Committee will also place in nomination for three-year terms, beginning in November, 2007, the following persons not currently members of Council:

Heather Ascher manages administrative support services at the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia. She serves as an officer of the Center City Residents' Association and, as the unofficial "mayor" of the English Village, she organized her neighborhood to participate in the PHS City Gardens Contest. Heather is a member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and volunteers at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Thomas L. Bennett was managing director at Morgan Stanley & Co. from 1996 to 2004. He is a director at the Delaware Investments Family of Funds and serves as a trustee at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Tom is a member of PHS's Finance and Investment Committees.

Leslie Anne Miller practices law and specializes in alternate dispute resolution. The former General Counsel to the Pennsylvania Governor's Office, she played a key role in developing the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, where she now co-chairs the board of directors. She also chairs Mt. Holyoke College's Board of Trustees and serves on the boards of Temple University's Beasley Law School, the Free Library of Philadelphia, and the Fairmount Park Conservancy. Leslie Anne is a member of PHS's Green City Strategy Committee.

John F. O'Rourke is vice president of human resources at SCA Americas in Philadelphia and a member of SCA's global Human Resources Coordination Council based in Stockholm. He is a board member of Bartram's Garden. John serves on PHS's Human Resources Committee.

Dr. Paul A. Reid is president of the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades. A past commander and president of the Community College of the Air Force, the country's largest community college, he is the only commissioned officer to serve on the board of trustees of the Airmen Memorial Foundation. Paul is a member of PHS's Flower Show Executive Committee.

Patricia L. Smith is the director for special initiatives for The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), managing philanthropic assets and special projects involving two or more lines of business. Prior to TRF, Pat directed Philadelphia's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative. She is a board member of the Urban League of Philadelphia and serves on PHS's Green City Strategy Committee.

Please return your signed proxy, we need your vote!

PROXY FORM

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Annual Meeting of Members
November 13, 2007

The undersigned hereby appoints Harry E. Hill, Morris Cheston, Jr., and Jane G. Pepper, each of them the true and lawful attorneys of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, to be held at 5 pm on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members, all adult members of household should sign.
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign:

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Please return no later than October 26, 2007
Mail to: PHS, Attn: Betsie Blodgett, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Fax to: 215-988-8810

WORKSHOPS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Herbs and Herbal Vinegars

Wednesday, September 26, 10 am – 12 noon

September is the time to harvest the bounty of herbs in our gardens. In this hands-on workshop, Meadowbrook Farm's sales and community relations manager **Diana K. Weiner** will demonstrate how to save the flavor of summer, and participants will bring home a culinary treat. Make holiday gifts now while herbs are at their peak! **Limit: 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Houseplant Combination Planters

Wednesday, October 10, 10 am – 12 noon

European "dish gardens" combine the textures and colors of flowering plants with the foliage of small tropical plants in a classic accent dish that will brighten your home. Meadowbrook's tropical plant grower **Sharon Kaszan** will guide you as you make your own and will tell you how to refurbish them for four-season interest indoors. **Limit: 20. Fee: $40 members, $55 non-members.**

Houseplant Propagation

Tuesday, October 16, 10 am – 12 noon

How can you ensure the future of your favorite houseplants? How do you make new ones from the old? Propagate them! Tropical plant grower **Sharon Kaszan** will demonstrate how to propagate begonias and other indoor plant species. You will bring home lots of new plants to add to your collection. **Limit: 20. Fee: $23 members, $28 non-members.**

Botanical Imprinting

Wednesday, November 7, 10 am – 12 noon

Learn how to use foliage as a stamp for "do-it-yourself" personal and home decoration projects, including custom-made tea towels, cloth napkins, aprons, and shirts—the possibilities are endless! **Diana K. Weiner** will lead this hands-on workshop. **Limit: 20. Fee: $35 members, $40 non-members.**

WALKS AT CHANTICLEER

WAYNE, PA

Into the Woods

Wednesday, September 12, 6 – 8 pm

Join us for a cool, late summer stroll through the scented woods at Chanticleer with horticulturist **Lisa Roper**. We will look at plants that hold up well into the fall, late bloomers, plants with strong textures and clean foliage, and showy seedpods. We will talk about fall gardening chores, including planning for next year. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Tender Perennials

Wednesday, September 19, 6 – 8 pm

The cooler evenings of late summer are a time when many tender perennials are at their peak of perfection. Horticulturist **Robert Herald** will introduce us to new selections, as well as old favorites. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS

Workshop: Botanical Illustration with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays, October 23 & 30; November 6, 13, 20 & 27; December 4 & 11, 10 am – 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor or have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, exercises to create form and dimensionality, and discussion of brushes and paper. It is necessary to attend the first session of this eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome!

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.**

Evening Lecture: "Let the Beauty We Love be What We Do—There are Hundreds of Ways to Kneel and Kiss the Ground"

Monday, November 12, 6 pm

How can we arrange our lives so that we are spending more and more time doing things that move us, inspire us, serve others, and bring us joy? In this illustrated lecture, **Chris Woods** will demonstrate that he has no real answer to this question. Instead, he will talk about the beauty of plants, gardens, landscape, travel, food and other things that help give a sense of meaning to life.

British native Chris Woods has worked as a garden manager and designer for 30 years. The former director and chief designer of *Chanticleer … A Pleasure Garden* in Wayne, PA, he has served as vice president for horticulture and external operations for the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden; executive director of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy in Ojai, California; and is currently director of the VanDusen Botanical Garden in Vancouver, British Columbia. Woods served as guest designer for the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show themed exhibit, "Legends of Ireland" and will be awarded the 2007 PHS Distinguished Achievement Medal at the Annual Meeting in November.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments and wine. **Fee: $10 members, $15 non-members.**

IN THE GARDEN

Courtyard Gardens at Medford Leas

Medford, NJ
Saturday, October 20, 10 am – 12 noon

One of the favorite features of the 2008 Flower Show, "Jazz it Up!" will be New Orleans French Quarter-style courtyard gardens. A courtyard garden makes an ideal personal haven or a shared refuge, providing an immediate sense of place. Courtyard designers must work within limited spaces and manipulate space to make small areas appear larger. Join us for a visit to Medford Leas in nearby Medford, NJ, to tour a diverse sampling of courtyard gardens that distinguish the garden-style

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			TOTAL FEE: $	

Name: _____ Member ID# _____

Guest(s): _____

(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

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Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

apartments there. Medford Leas' landscape coordinator **Herb Minkus** and director of marketing and community relations **Jane Weston** will discuss the challenges and rewards of courtyard gardening. They will lead us through some of their 33 acclaimed courtyard gardens, each designed by landscape architects or horticulturists from the staff of the Morris Arboretum. The gardens showcase 29 little-known and under-used woody plants of exceptional merit selected as PHS Gold Medal plants.

A Quaker-related, nonprofit community designed for mature, active adults, Medford Leas is also home to the Lewis W. Barton Arboretum and Nature Preserve. This 168-acre campus is located near the historic town of Medford, NJ. Homes are arranged in "neighborhoods" among beautifully landscaped grounds, courtyard and patio gardens, wildflower meadows, recreational areas, and natural woodlands. Directions will be mailed with registration confirmation. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

SAVE THE DATE: 15th Annual Pennsylvania Community Forestry Conference

Thursday & Friday, November 1 & 2, 2007
Atherton Hotel, State College, Pennsylvania

Co-sponsored by PHS, the PA Community Forestry Council, and the Penn State School of Forest Resources, this dynamic, two-day conference will focus on best management practices, community stewardship, and the social value of community forests. To download a conference brochure, please visit the PHS website or contact Dawn Waters at 215-988-8845 or *dwaters@pennhort.org* to request a printed copy.

CONFERENCE

2007 Perennial Plant Conference

Friday, October 19, 8 am – 5 pm
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Get a preview of promising new plant introductions and enjoy lectures on a variety of topics, including propagation, designs for outdoor living, creating exceptional containers, the best asters for the mid-Atlantic region, and more.

This year's speakers include **Sean Conway**, former owner of a boutique nursery in Rhode Island and host of the weekly PBS television series *Cultivating Life*; **Jeanne Frett**, research horticulturist at the Mt. Cuba Center in Greenville, Delaware; **Robert Lyons**, program director for the Longwood Gardens graduate program in public horticulture and a professor of landscape horticulture at the University of Delaware; writer, speaker, and photographer **Rita Randolph** of Randolph's Greenhouses in Jackson, Tennessee, which specializes in unusual plants for container gardens; and award-winning landscape designer **Edwina von Gal**, who was invited by architect Frank Gehry to create a botanical park for a biodiversity museum in Panama City, Panama.

For more information and to register, please contact the Continuing Education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000, ext. 507. You can also pick up a brochure at PHS headquarters. Register early!

Plant a Seed... Volunteer

Volunteers fill many roles at PHS, including working at the Flower Show, helping with special events, serving on committees, and supporting the work of Philadelphia Green. PHS has wonderful volunteer opportunities all year long. Choose from the list below or contact Susan Strawbridge at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876 for more information.

Are You a Community College Student?

PHS offers service-learning opportunities in the following areas: technology, marketing, horticulture, hospitality, business administration, research, and development. If you are interested as an individual, school, or class group, please contact Susan Strawbridge at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876.

Fall For Your Park

Saturday, October 13, 9 am – 1pm
Cobbs Creek Park, West Philadelphia

Would you like to make a difference in a city park? Come to Cobbs Creek Park to help revitalize this neighborhood treasure as part of the annual Fall For Your Park event. Wear comfortable clothes and be ready to get dirty—but create beauty! All are welcome. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kimberly Massare at 215-988-1611 or *kmassare@pennhort.org*.

2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

March 2 – 9

There are many ways to get involved in the Flower Show, including helping to process entries in the horticulture and artistic classes, assisting judges, welcoming and directing Show guests, working in the PHS Shoppe, and more! For more information, please contact Betty Greene at 215-988-8826 or *bgreene@pennhort.org*.

PHS Presents Floral Designer Mark Pampling

Join us for an exciting event as acclaimed Australian floral artist Mark Pampling reinterprets traditional design to create contemporary sculpted arrangements.

In Pampling's first United States appearance, he will offer a demonstration plus workshops for arrangers of all levels. **All programs will be held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill.** Free parking will be available. For more information, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.

Demonstration: "Transformations"

Wednesday, October 3, 2007
10 am – noon
Arrangers' Boutique and Raffle
Optional light luncheon buffet $20
Fees: open seating $55; preferred seating $75

Workshops

Thursday, October 4, 2007
9 am - noon: Beginner to Intermediate Arrangers
Fee: $160

Friday, October 5, 2007
9 am – 4 pm: Competitive Arrangers
Fee: $320; light lunch included

REGISTRATION FOR MARK PAMPLING EVENTS

Register by phone, fax or mail. Make checks payable to PHS and send to: Lisa Wiley, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495
Telephone: 215-988-8832 • Fax: 215-988-8810 Free parking for all programs.

Name _____ Phone _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Wed., Oct. 3:	Demonstration	Open seating: ___ reservations @ $55 = $_____
		Preferred Seating: ___ reservations @ $75 = $_____
Wed., Oct. 3:	Light lunch buffet	___ reservations @ $20 = $_____
Thurs., Oct. 4:	AM Workshop: Beginner to Intermediate Arrangers	___ reservations @$160 = $_____
Fri., Oct. 5:	Workshop for Competitive Arrangers	___ reservations @$320 = $_____
	All proceeds benefit the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.	**TOTAL** $_____

Registering for two or more? Please include names and addresses of additional registrants on a separate sheet.

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed **OR** Please charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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Make Plans Now for the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

Theme: "Jazz it Up!"
March 2 – 9, 2008

New Orleans will provide a toe-tapping backdrop for the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show, Jazz it Up!, March 2 through 9, 2008 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Top landscape and floral designers will take their inspiration from the city's walled courtyards, cast iron balconies, fountains, and canals, and live entertainment will reflect the musical traditions of the Big Easy, showcasing different styles of jazz. "Just as jazz has transformed popular music, we hope the 2008 Flower Show will transform how people think about gardening," says Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney. "It will inspire visitors to try something different—to "jazz up" their gardens."

John O'Rourke, vice president of human resources for SCA Americas, and PHS President Jane Pepper wielded their shovels to help plant a magnolia tree (*Magnolia* x *loebneri* 'Merrill') in West Philadelphia's Saunders Park on June 25. Headquartered in Philadelphia's Cira Center, SCA Americas is a global consumer goods and paper company with a strong focus on renewable and recyclable materials and environmentally sound products and services. The company donated $20,000 to PHS for tree planting in Philadelphia to offset the environmental impact of air travel by those flying in for its annual conference in the city. Companies that would like to help support tree planting may contact PHS at 215-988-8800.

Early Morning Tours at the Flower Show

Early Morning Tours give groups and individuals a unique opportunity to experience the Flower Show before it opens to the public. Well-informed volunteer guides will conduct tours at 8 am Monday, March 3 through Friday, March 7. Reservations for groups of eight or more people are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited each day. A limited number of spaces are also available for individual reservations.

The cost of an Early Morning Tour is $105/person, $95/person for groups of 15 or more who register before November 15. PHS members are offered a special rate of $85/person. For more information and a registration packet, please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *earlymorningtours@pennhort.org*.

Plan Your Next Private Party at the Flower Show

If your organization or business is looking for a unique venue for entertaining clients, look no further than the Philadelphia Flower Show. Elegantly appointed suites that appeal to corporate professionals, medical associations, alumni groups, and others await you at the Show. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Anderson at 215-988-8837 or *eanderson@pennhort.org*.

Programs for Flower Show Exhibitors

The following programs are free, but space is limited. Reservations are encouraged. **To reserve a space, please contact Michelle Dean at *mdean@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8827.**

Demonstration: Miniature Garden and Landscape Design 101

Tuesday, October 9, 10 am – 12 noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Abington Township, PA

Learn to garden on a truly diminutive scale! Miniature gardens are living, three-dimensional works of art that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, and they are crowd-pleasers at the Philadelphia Flower Show. This informative and intriguing program features **Carla-Sabrina Pomponi and Irene Sobotincic**, who have both won many ribbons for their exhibits at the Flower Show.

Demonstration: Stuffed Forms

Tuesday, October 9, 1 – 3 pm
Meadowbrook Farm, Abington Township, PA

The 2008 Flower Show will feature a new class, **"Dog Show," for stuffed "canine" forms**. This delightful class will be on display at the Show all week! Plan now to attend the free "how-to" demonstration at Meadowbrook Farm. At that time, you can order forms and plants through Meadowbrook Farm, or you can provide your own. Look for more information in the *Exhibitor's Guide*. **Important: Pre-registration by December 1 will be required for the "Dog Show" classes.**

Jewelry Demonstration: I Can't Believe It's Not Jewelry!

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 10 am – 12 noon
PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia

Have you ever looked at the Jewelry class entries at the Philadelphia Flower Show and thought, "How did the exhibitor do that?" The program will include practical tips on techniques, mechanics, and the best types of plant material to use; slides of past winning entries; and a step-by-step demonstration of making a piece of jewelry.

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Open Space Plan to Debut in December

The City of Philadelphia is nearing completion of its first-ever comprehensive open space plan, *GreenPlan Philadelphia*. Set for citywide publication in December, the Plan will serve as "the City's blueprint for sustainable open space" and will guide decision-making about all green spaces in Philadelphia, including their use, acquisition, development, funding, and management over the next 15 years.

Through Philadelphia Green, PHS has played an important role in creating *GreenPlan Philadelphia*. As a consultant to the City, Philadelphia Green supported the Civic Engagement phase that collected input from more than 1,600 individuals, community groups, and stakeholders on open space concerns, suggestions, and hopes.

Working under the direction of *GreenPlan's* Communication and Civic Engagement working group, Philadelphia Green planned and conducted meetings in 12 planning areas throughout the city last fall and winter. It also helped design the interactive website that gathered additional input.

"What we learned through this process is that Philadelphians care passionately about open space and about improving our city's environment," says Philadelphia Green senior director Maitreyi Roy. "It will be exciting to see their hopes and dreams reflected in the Plan and see their ideas implemented in the future."

At press time, additional meetings were being scheduled for this fall, when the Plan's key recommendations would be presented for public comment. A consultant team led by the local planning firm Wallace Roberts & Todd is preparing the final draft. The team, which also includes the Trust for Public Land, a national leader in urban open space research, synthesized information from the community input phase, studied best practices in other cities, and analyzed needs and opportunities for improvements to open spaces in Philadelphia.

Margaret Funderburg

Top- A view of Center City Philadelphia from Belmont Plateau in Fairmount Park

Bottom- City residents participate in a community meeting for GreenPlan Philadelphia.

The Plan will include an inventory of the city's natural resources, funding strategies for implementation, an assessment of the costs and benefits of open space, and evaluation tools to measure the successful implementation of the plan.

GreenPlan Philadelphia is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the City of Philadelphia and the William Penn Foundation, with in-kind resources provided by project partners.

To learn more about *GreenPlan Philadelphia* and to view the recommendations, please visit *www.greenplanphiladelphia.com.*

Left to right: Sally Scorzetti, Elizabeth Coughlin, Barbara Martin, and Lynne Zimmer served as runners for the Horticulture classes at the 2007 Flower Show.

Thank You to PHS Volunteers!

At the end of each year, we celebrate the contributions of thousands of volunteers who help the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society fulfill its mission of creating a sense of community through horticulture. All year long, volunteers donate their time to serve on committees, direct visitors at the Flower Show, staff the "Ask-a-Gardener" hotline, provide activities at Kids Grow Expo, and more.

We invite you to visit the PHS website to view a complete list of all those who served on PHS committees during 2007. From all of us at PHS, our heartfelt thanks!

PHS recognizes gardeners in the city and across Pennsylvania!
See pages 3 and 8.

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PEPPERPOT

Goodbye to a Friend

Judy Zuk was a woman of integrity and ingenuity, of compassion and creativity, and she possessed a wonderful (sometimes wicked) sense of humor. She was a Philadelphia Flower Show judge, Gold Medal Plant Award Committee member, recipient of PHS's Distinguished Achievement Medal in 2000, and the long-time president of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. When Judy died in Brooklyn in September, many in the Philadelphia region lost a good friend, and the world of horticulture lost an inspiring leader.

Born in Canandaigua, NY, Judy pursued her interest in horticulture at Rutgers University, later joining the Longwood graduate program in public garden administration at the University of Delaware. The summer she graduated, when the "Gardening Partner" (my late husband) and I went on vacation, Judy looked after our dogs, thus beginning a long friendship.

In 1980, Judy and I led a trip together to visit gardens in the UK. Judy dealt with every situation on that trip (including a hospitalized traveler) with composure and cheerfulness, traits that served her well when she went from managing the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College in 1990 to leading the team at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. These were tough times in New York, and every time I talked to Judy there was another round of budget slashing from the city and state and another depressing set of staff cuts. Despite the challenges, Judy moved the Garden forward.

Judy's world twisted around in September 2001. She had planned to celebrate her 50th Birthday at the Garden on September 15th in high style. Instead, she was dealing with the aftermath of 9/11, helping co-workers who had lost friends and relatives in the collapse of the Twin Towers and opening the Garden free of charge for several months so the peaceful acres could serve as a refuge for confused and frightened New Yorkers.

In 2002, her world was shaken again when she was diagnosed with breast cancer and began a long fight. After every round of chemotherapy or radiation or experimental drugs, she surfaced as cheerful and philosophical as ever, grateful to her physicians and friends. For three years she stayed in her position at Brooklyn, then in June 2005 she left the garden to devote more attention to her health.

Miraculously, in December 2006, Judy achieved a long-held goal to visit the Galapagos Islands. Soon after she returned, her body no longer responded to the drugs, but even in those dark days she retained that smile and kept her dignity. Those of us who knew her will always remember her for that.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Kick off the holiday season with a visit to Meadowbrook Farm on Saturday, December 1 from 10 am to 5 pm for the annual **Holiday Open House.** Tour the estate, admire the seasonal decorations, and nibble on complimentary refreshments. For the young ones, Meadowbrook has planned an assortment of games and activities.

The Holiday Open House is an ideal opportunity to begin your holiday gift shopping. Shelves will be lined with charming items for the home and garden that can't be found in department stores. In addition to decorative vases, scented candles, attractive picture frames, and stylish jewelry, the gift shop features an array of potted plants, wreaths, and cut greens.

New this year is the perfect holiday present: the **Flower Show Gift Pack**. Sold exclusively at Meadowbrook Farm, the $60 gift pack is beautifully wrapped and includes:

- Two tickets to the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show
- Shopper's Delight discount card, good for 10% off purchases at the Flower Show Shoppe
- A beautiful poinsettia*, holiday ornament, or decoration
- An attractive greeting card

**While supplies last. Poinsettias will be available after Thanksgiving.*

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10am – 5pm.

Thanks to our 2007 Garden Visit Hosts

PHS would like to thank the generous property owners who opened their gardens to PHS members for the 2007 PHS Garden Visits. Many thanks, too, to all the volunteers who help make this popular program possible, especially the Garden Visit Committee: *Jill Evans (chair), Denise Cowie, Alice Doering, Kate Farrell, Sally Graham, Susan Hudson, Sylvia Lin, and Alan Slack.*

Chester Springs area, May 20
Michael Bowell
Anne Congdon
Historic Yellow Springs
Nancy and Bob Holman, Seven Springs Farm
Lis and Mike Kalogris, End of the Beginning Garden
Sheila and Patrick McFadden
Queenie and Jack Northrop, Q Gardens
Catherine and Al Renzi, Yellow Springs Farm
Vincent Elementary School

Doylestown, June 3
Gisela and Fred Bean
Connie and Bill Eastburn
Lynn and William Goldman
Andrew Hartnagle and Wayne Stork
Lynn Reynolds and Carter van Dyke
Nancy and George Wells

IN THE SPOTLIGHT : Leomar Cooper

If PHS were a football team, Leomar "Leo" Cooper would be atop the cheerleaders' pyramid. For years she's squeezed space into her busy schedule to help PHS and Philadelphia Green spread their message. Her zeal is commendable, but not at all surprising: Leo comes from a long line of proud gardeners.

Growing up in South Philadelphia, Leo assisted her grandmother at her local community garden. Those spring and summer days not only provided Leo with the chance to learn about planting, watering, and other aspects of gardening, but it also gave her one-on-one time with her grandmother, who began life as a sharecropper in rural Georgia.

Back at home, Leo's mother taught her about caring for houseplants. As she recalls, "My mother had so many plants you needed a machete to get across the living room. She used to kid that the plants were her 'good children'—the ones that didn't leave clothes on the floor or complain about eating vegetables."

Now that she's an adult, Leo shares her enthusiasm for all things green with the next generation. Recently she assisted her nephew with a class assignment on urban greening. "Right away I knew where to look. We browsed the PHS website and visited the McLean Library; everything we needed was there. And he got an A!" she says.

Each year Leo's large extended family ventures to the Philadelphia Flower Show, a tradition they cherish. "In 40 years I don't think I've missed more than one, maybe two," she proudly declares. "My favorite moment is when you're nearing the Show floor. You can smell the flowers before you even see them—it gives me such a thrill."

Since her birthday usually coincides with the Show, Leo treats herself to a week off from her job in the customer service department of PharMerica Corporation. This time is not spent idly admiring the exhibits. Leo is a consummate volunteer who helps out at the Gardener's Studio, the Philadelphia Green exhibit, and the Lectures and Demonstrations series. "I'm there so often I should bring a trundle bed to the Convention Center," she laughs.

Leo is also involved with PHS's outreach efforts through serving on the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and the PHS Council. In this capacity she hopes to help build a strong volunteer base of people in their 30s, 40s, and 50s. "A lot of working people don't think they have time to be active in their community, but you have to make the time," she says. "Philadelphia is in a great position to be the leader in greening. It's our destiny and our legacy, so let's seize it!"

- Daniel Moise

2007 PHS City Gardens Contest

Nearly 300 entries were received for the 2007 City Gardens Contest. Unfortunately, space restraints allow us to list only a small number of winners. Following are the *first-place* winners in the individual and community gardening categories. **For a complete list of all award winners, please visit the PHS website.** Congratulations to all who entered, and grateful thanks also to the 250 people who served as volunteer judges!

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

Combination Vegetable/Flower Gardens
Diane Kunze & John Neugebauer
Tony Lucas
Debbie Rhoe

Container Gardens (Includes balconies, patios, decks, and rooftops)
Hester R. Beckman
Lillie Gorham
Zelma Gorham
Renaldo James
Mari Newman
Ty Stanley
Reuben Wade & Janice Smith

Flower Gardens
Marcy Amarnek
Robert T. Beck
Alfred Bilstein
Iris Brown
Robert Duggan
Michael Esposito
Ivey Galitan
Sr. Jean Bernadette Greaux
Charlie Heiser
Alex Myers
Edward Ruback

Vegetable Gardens
Karl Dollmann Sr. & Karl Dollmann Jr.
Lawrence King
Alan McHale

COMMUNITY CATEGORIES

Combination Vegetable/Flower Gardens
Las Parcelas
New Jerusalem Now
Sloan Street Community Garden
The Spring Gardens
Villa Africana Colobo
55th Street & Baltimore Avenue

Flower Gardens
4632-6 Hazel Avenue
17th & Kater Street

Garden Blocks (Window boxes & sidewalk planters)
Garden District of Philadelphia
2400 block of Olive Street

Greenest Blocks in Town
300 block of W. Hortter Street

School and Children's Gardens
University City High School, Urban Nutrition Initiative
Blaine School– Strawberry Mansion Environmental Learning Center
Wilson Elementary School

Community Courtyard Gardens
Lawrence Court

Community Parks
Friends of Cloverly Park
Friends of Mario Lanza Park

Vegetable Gardens
Glenwood Green Acres
The Southerners

Heidi Hiteshue

The first-place flower garden of Alfred Bilstein

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Terrariums—Landscapes in Miniature
Saturday, November 3, 2 – 3 pm
Walnut West Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
201 S. 40th Street

Decorating with Nature for the Holidays
Wednesday, November 7, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute, Free Library of Philadelphia
1905 Locust Street

Growing Herbs Indoors
Saturday, November 10, 2 – 3 pm
Frankford Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
4634 Frankford Avenue

Holiday Houseplants
Wednesday, November 14, 6 – 7 pm
South Philadelphia Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1700 S. Broad Street

Houseplants—Gardening with Indoor Plants
Saturday, November 17, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
McPherson Square Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
601 East Indiana Avenue

Designing Hanging Baskets
Monday, November 26, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Fishtown Community Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1217 E. Montgomery Avenue

Houseplants—Your Indoor Garden
Monday, December 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Richmond Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2987 Almond Street

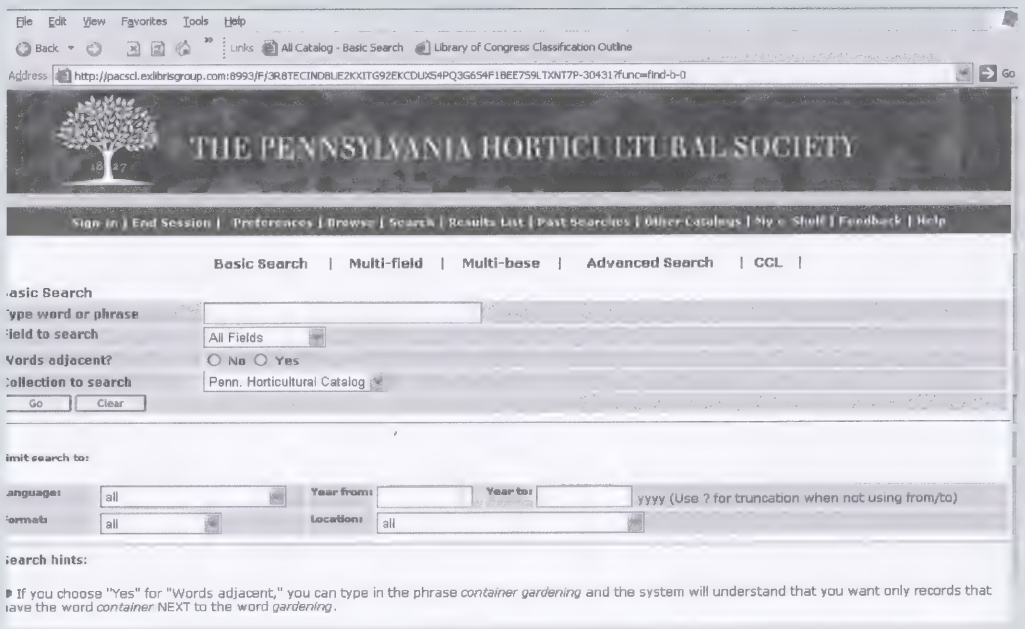
McLean Library's New Online Catalog

It wasn't so long ago that a library's catalog was indexed on little cards housed in narrow, wooden drawers. Now, the information in most library catalogs is stored in online databases, searchable by anyone with access to the Internet. You may have noticed that the PHS McLean Library has a new online catalog. This article explains just one of its many functions: the basic search.

The catalog is accessible through the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*. From the home page, click on "McLean Library" in red letters in the third paragraph. Then select "Search the Catalog." The basic search screen will appear (pictured below).

The "Search hints" at the bottom of the screen are very helpful, especially for first-time users. After you've read the hints, enter a word or group of words that describe what you're looking for into the blank field next to "Type word or phrase."

In the second field, select a "Field to Search," by clicking the downward arrow to access the drop-down menu. Select a field that best describes the words you typed in the first step. *Title Words, Actual Title, Author,* or *Subject* will be most useful here.



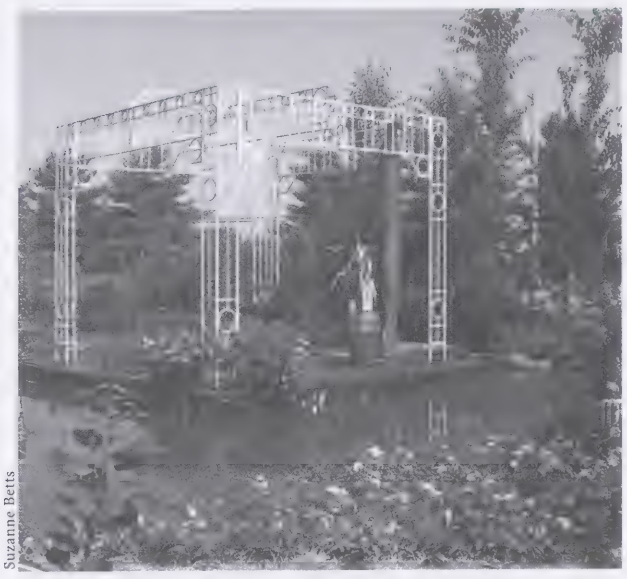
Lastly, decide if the words you've typed should be searched adjacent to one another by choosing "Yes" or "No" next to *Words adjacent*?—for example, you may be looking for books on "container gardening." Then, click "Go." In a few seconds, the results of your search should appear.

In the results list, note the authors and titles of items of interest, as well as the "Location/Call No." column. This refers to locations on the library shelves where the items can be found. If you cannot come to the library, note the titles, authors, and call numbers for your items and send them to us, along with your name and address, using the "Feedback," button on the top of your screen. Then click "Go." We will gladly mail them to you if you are a PHS member and if they are part of our circulating collection. The shipping fee is $2.50 per item.

The new catalog has many exciting functions. For more information on how to use it, see a longer article on the PHS website, or contact us at *mcleanlibrary@pennhort.org*.

- Elena Sisti
Information Services Librarian
McLean Library

Fashion in Bloom



Suzanne Betts

On September 21, **1827 Society** members attended Fashion in Bloom, a trade show for gardening professionals, at the Conard-Pyle Nursery in West Grove, PA. Michael Bowell, owner of Create A Scene, Inc. and designer for Fashion in Bloom, led a tour of the three-acre exhibit, which featured the newest plants available in spring 2008.

Linde Meyer Fundraiser Supports PHS

At press time, PHS and jewelry store owner Linde Meyer were planning a cocktail reception and preview sale for October 23 at Meyer's Liberty Place store, **Linde Meyer Platinum + Gold + Silver,** to introduce the work of Janet Mavec. Mavec is a jewelry designer and past Flower Show judge whose pieces are inspired by flowers, fruits, and vegetables. Ten percent of all purchases made at the store from October 23 through 29 were donated to PHS. Mavec's lovely jewelry remains available for purchase at the store and makes a great holiday gift for the gardeners on your shopping list.

Jonathan Pushnik

Jewelry by Janet Mavec

Getting Married?

Now you can support PHS by registering with the **I Do Foundation**. From honeymoons to invitations to weddings gifts to charitable wedding favors, the I Do Foundation allows couples and their guests to make wedding-related purchases that generate donations for their favorite charities. Please visit *www.IDoFoundation.org* for further information.

Tarah Anuzelli and Jamie Morris, pictured at right, chose PHS's Philadelphia Green program as one of their wedding charities. "Jamie and I have spent most of the past eleven years living and working in the Philadelphia area and have always loved that it is a city of neighborhoods," Tarah wrote on their web page. "Yet, we both also grew up in rural areas and have a deep love of nature as well. Because of this perspective, we recognize that green spaces in urban areas are an essential and easy way to improve the quality of life for everyone."

To make a contribution to Philadelphia Green through the **PHS Annual Fund**, please visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* and click on "Support PHS," or contact Cecily Mandl at *cmandl@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8805. New and increased gifts to the Annual Fund will be matched dollar for dollar by the Independence Foundation up to $5,000.

Travel With Us

Gardens in Holland and Belgium
April 20 – May 3, 2008

Join us for an exciting trip to Holland and Belgium to visit outstanding private gardens in each country. We will learn the latest ideas in Dutch and Belgian garden design as well as the influence of historic gardens.

We will visit the Keukenhof, the showplace for Dutch bulb growers that is open for only a few weeks each spring, and Het Loo palace and restored gardens. Our guide, Beline Geertsema-Key, organizes the Dutch Open Garden Scheme and knows the best private gardens in the country.

The itinerary also includes museums like the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, the Mauritshuis in The Hague, and the Kroller-Muller Museum in Otterlo near the Dutch city of Arnhem.

The Gardens of Dorset and Lower Thames Valley with Jane Pepper
June 8 - 19, 2008

Next June, PHS president Jane Pepper will lead a tour of British gardens, first in the rural coastland and chalk downs of Dorset, then in the rich lower Thames Valley in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

Dorset features a wide range of garden styles, from the sub-tropical at Abbotsbury to the architectural at Athelhampton. The Thames valley, which has for centuries been the main economic artery of southern England, has spacious estates such as Cliveden and West Wycombe, as well as smaller specialist and village gardens.

The PHS group will be welcomed in many private gardens for tours, lunch, and afternoon tea. We will also visit notable architectural sites in Dorset and Sherborne Abbey, along with Prince Charles's "model village" at Poundbury. Tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior, owners of the specialty Heritage Garden Tours, will join Jane in leading the group.

Gardens in Western Massachusetts: Berkshire County
June 23 – 26, 2008

We'll board a private motor coach for a four-day adventure to the Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts. Known for their beautiful scenery and natural landscapes, forests, historic landmarks, and rolling hills, the Berkshires encompass idyllic areas around Stockbridge and Lenox. Many "weekenders" here have become year-round residents, and the natural beauty of the area has inspired the creation of stellar country gardens.

PHS members and guests will explore public gardens such as The Mount (Edith Wharton's estate and gardens) and the Berkshire Botanical Garden, as well as a variety of private gardens. Overnight accommodations will be at the historic Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge. Betsy Gullan of PHS and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours will lead the tour.

NOTE: Itineraries for these trips are available on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*. Members who have traveled with PHS within the last five years will receive them by mail. To receive printed copies, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.

Helping PHS through the United Way

Fall marks the kick-off of the annual United Way campaigns, and through the Donor Option program you can direct your United Way contribution to PHS. Last year, PHS received nearly $26,000 in gifts through Donor Option. Many thanks to those who supported PHS through United Way. This year, please consider directing your United Way gift to PHS. **Simply note our Donor Option ID #06197** on your United Way pledge card. Your contribution will help support the PHS urban greening program, Philadelphia Green, which works with communities throughout Philadelphia to beautify neighborhoods, enhance public parks, and preserve open green space.

Philadelphia Flower Show Designer Jazzes it Up in New Orleans

The **2008 Flower Show** theme ***"Jazz It Up!"*** will challenge exhibitors to take gardening to a new level. Scheduled for **March 2 through 9**, the Show will feature pumped-up versions of New Orleans' famed courtyards and balconies and will pulsate with fabulous entertainment by musicians from Philadelphia's Settlement Music School and from New Orleans. After a recent trip to New Orleans, Flower Show director of design Sam Lemheney says visitors will enjoy one of the most entertaining and colorful shows ever.

Why is "Jazz it Up!" the Flower Show theme for 2008?
Jazz is an American art form. It's about taking something that's straight and narrow and incorporating personal influences and experiences to turn it into something new. The way jazz transformed music, the Philadelphia Flower Show should transform preconceived notions about gardening. Visitors will leave the Show with fresh ideas and the confidence to try something different.

What did you see when you visited New Orleans?
The city was a great source of inspiration. The Patio Planters (the French Quarter's garden club) led a great tour of the French Quarter. We saw beautiful private gardens and wonderful balconies, patios, and courtyards. New Orleans proves you don't need an expansive property to create a great garden.

How will jazz be interpreted at the Show?
The entrance will set the tone as a moss-covered piano emerges from the ground and explodes with color. Overhead, piano keys and cut flowers will add color and impact.

We're also creating an area called the Rhythm Rooms inspired by the jazz clubs of the 1920s and 30s. And the outdoor scenes will pay tribute to the great legends of jazz.

What about entertainment?
We'll have two entertainment stages at the Show. One is called the Legends Stage, presented by the Settlement Music School, which will showcase all different styles of jazz. The Bourbon Street Stage will highlight the distinct sound of New Orleans and host a daily parade of musicians and visitors.

How are the Show's major exhibitors interpreting the theme?
One exhibitor is creating a bayou garden with alligators. Another is doing a "juke joint" in the woods with native, naturalistic plantings. Expect to see lots of Spanish moss and magnolias, tropical and subtropical plants. Alamanda, Heliconia and Birds of Paradise are tender plants found in New Orleans that you can grow here in the summer.

How can Philadelphia Flower Show visitors help the people of New Orleans?
Tourism in New Orleans is down, so people need to go and enjoy the city. The city is doing incredible things to rebound from Hurricane Katrina, and though it is still recovering, the French Quarter is as vibrant as ever.

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Register Your Plants for the Flower Show … *Online!*

Entering your plants in the Horticulture and Orchid classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show is now *a whole lot* easier. Exhibitors in this area of Hall B can now use a fast, web-based process to register entries, saving time and effort. It also saves many hours of work for Flower Show staff and the volunteers who type the entry cards, because information for plants registered online can be printed directly from the system.

Not sure if you have the correct plant name? The website contains a database with 14,000 Latin names of plants and includes a quick link to Google, where users can look up related horticultural information and photos.

Introduced last year, the new system was made possible by a generous grant from the McLean Contributionship. In 2007, nearly one-third of the Horticulture and Orchid exhibitors entered online.

For more information, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* and click on "How to Enter Competitive Classes at the Show."

Live links for registration and a downloadable User's Guide will be available from December 1, 2007, through January 31, 2008. Horticulture and Orchid exhibitors from the 2007 Show will automatically receive notification of their username and password in November, along with a copy of the *User's Guide*. Former exhibitors who did not enter in 2007 should not enter as new exhibitors but should contact *fswebreg@pennhort.org* to obtain their existing username, password, and a printed copy of the *User's Guide*. New exhibitors will create their own usernames and passwords.

Plant a Seed... Volunteer

PHS has wonderful volunteer opportunities all year long. If you are interested in volunteering and have never done so before, please contact Susan Strawbridge at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876 for an initial interview. If you would like more information regarding the opportunities below, please contact the persons listed.

Are You a Community College Student?
There are service learning opportunities at PHS in the areas of technology, marketing, horticulture, hospitality, business administration, research and development. If you are interested as an individual, school, or class group please contact Susan Strawbridge at 215-988-8876 or *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org*.

Internships
PHS offers internships, both credit and non-credit, in many different areas and offers flexible schedules. PHS has specific needs in the areas of information technology, marketing, and administration. Please contact Susan Strawbridge at 215-988-8876 or *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org*.

General Office Assistance
PHS needs assistance with activities ranging from mailings to data input to assembling media kits and more. This is a great way to get involved and learn about all the different activities at PHS. Please contact Susan Strawbridge at 215-988-8876 or *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org*.

Community Greening Award Judges
Judges are needed for the Community Greening Award. Judges need a basic knowledge of gardening, but no degree or license is required. You must be willing to travel to gardens throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware; take pictures; and evaluate gardens for the 2008 Awards. Please contact Susan Strawbridge at 215-988-8876 or *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org*.

Philadelphia Flower Show, March 2 – 9, 2008
There are many ways to become involved in the Flower Show. Here is a sampling:

- Exhibitor Aides: Help transport plants
- Runners: Carry cards for plant entries to and from typing table
- Recorders: Log information on plant entries
- Clerks: Assist judging teams and place ribbons
- Infonet: Welcome and direct visitors or staff information booth
- PHS Shoppe: Sales and service assistance
- Garden Tea: Help serve formal tea

To sign up for one of these roles or for more information, please contact Betty Greene at *bgreene@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8826.

Neighborhood Tree Plantings
Help beautify Philadelphia neighborhoods by planting trees. Tools and supervision are provided. Wear sturdy shoes and work clothes. These plantings are co-sponsored by PHS, the Fairmount Park Commission, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources TreeVitalize program (*www.treevitalize.net*). For more information, please contact local coordinators. Groups are welcome!

East Falls: Saturday, November 3, 9 am. Meet at Falls Presbyterian Church, Midvale and Vaux Streets. Contact Roy Cortez at *rc315@msn.com* or 215-842-5959.

Oak Lane: Saturday, November 10, 8:45 am. Meet at Oak Lane Presbyterian Church, 6637 N. 11th Street. (Rain date Nov. 11, 12:45 pm.) Contact Charles Philips at *cphilips@temple.edu* or 215-924-1722.

Fairmount: Saturday, November 17, 9 am. Meet at 9 am at Ward Park, 24th & Aspen Sts. Contact Roland Reed at *fairmountzoo@aol.com* or 267-252-9325.

Passyunk Square (South Philadelphia): Saturday, December 1, 9 am. Meet at Columbus Recreation Center, 13th & Reed Sts. Contact Peter Verrecchia at *treetopplanter@gmail.com* or 415-533-2146.

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Indulge yourself with Garden Tea at the 2008 Flower Show. Step into elegant and serene surroundings with soothing music and beautiful flowers. Enjoy a light menu of petit tea sandwiches, pastries, fruit, and an assortment of fine teas. Reserve today for you and a companion!

March 2 through 9, 2008
Two seatings daily: 12:30 – 2 pm &
3:45 – 5:15 pm
Admission: $28 per person plus Flower Show admission. Please note: *same day Flower Show admission is required and is not included in the price of Tea.*

To make a reservation, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8879. Seating is limited, so reserve early! Seating is pre-assigned at tables for four to five people.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Workshop: Botanical Imprinting
Wednesday, November 7, 10 am – 12 noon

Learn how to use foliage as a stamp for "do-it-yourself" personal and home decoration projects, including custom-made tea towels, cloth napkins, aprons, and shirts—the possibilities are endless! Meadowbrook Farm sales and community relations manager **Diana K. Weiner** will lead this hands-on workshop. **Limit: 20. Fee: $35 members, $40 non-members.**

Workshop: Holiday Topiary
Wednesday, December 5, 10 am – 12 noon

Filling your home with fresh greens from the garden has never been easier! Now you can learn the basics of designing topiaries, using boxwood as a base, and deck the halls with delight for the holidays or year-round. Meadowbrook Farm sales and community relations manager **Diana K. Weiner** will share tricks of the trade and will also demonstrate roping, mantle displays, and boxwood "kissing balls". Sign up early for this festive, hands-on event, as space is limited. **Limit: 20. Fee: $35 members, $40 non-members.**

Tour: The Legacy of J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.
Thursday, December 6, TWO SESSIONS: 10 – 11:30 am OR 1 – 2:30 pm

This program includes an in-depth tour of Meadowbrook Farm's noted Robert McGoodwin-designed estate house and garden, dressed in all its gorgeous holiday finery. Meadowbrook sales and community relations manager **Diana K. Weiner** will guide us through the interiors, and horticulturist **Ted Zoltowski** will lead us through the adjacent gardens, providing an expanded discussion on the legendary style of J. Liddon Pennock Jr., who was influenced by the eighteenth-century designer Robert Adam. **Limit: 20 per session. Please indicate which time you prefer. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Glass Bowl Terrarium
Tuesday, January 15, 10 am – 12 noon

In the depths of winter, what could be better than to brighten your home with a lush, green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure requires special attention. But once assembled, your mini plant world is easy to care for, requiring minimal pruning and limited watering. Led by Meadowbrook horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan**, this hands-on workshop offers all the necessary ingredients, including a 10-inch glass bowl, soil and moss and, of course, an assortment of small plants suitable for terrarium planting. **Limit: 20. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

Walk: Winter Tree Identification
Thursday, January 17, 10 am – 12 noon

If you can identify a tree in winter you can identify one at any time of year. Meadowbrook Farm sales and community relations manager **Diana K. Weiner** will bring you on a walking tour of the Meadowbrook grounds and show you how to look at the bark, buds, seeds, and profile of many deciduous and coniferous trees and use these as tools for accurate identification. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress warmly! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS
100 N 20th STREET, PHILADELPHIA

Note: The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 during evening lectures. Lectures are followed by light refreshments and wine.

Evening Lecture: "Let the Beauty We Love be What We Do—There are Hundreds of Ways to Kneel and Kiss the Ground"
Monday, November 12, 6 pm

How can we arrange our lives so that we are spending more and more time doing things that move us, inspire us, serve others, and bring us joy? In this illustrated lecture, **Chris Woods** will demonstrate that he has no real answer to this question. Instead, he will talk about the beauty of plants, gardens, landscape, travel, food and other things that help give a sense of meaning to life.

British native Chris Woods has worked as a garden manager and designer for 30 years. The former director and chief designer of Chanticleer ... A Pleasure Garden in Wayne, PA, he has served as vice president for horticulture and external operations for the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden; executive director of the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy in Ojai, California; and is currently director of the VanDusen Botanical Garden in Vancouver, British Columbia. Woods served as guest designer for the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show themed exhibit, "Legends of Ireland" and will be awarded the 2007 PHS Distinguished Achievement Medal at the Annual Meeting in November. **Fee: $10 members, $15 non-members.**

Evening Lecture: Gardens of the Jazz Age
Wednesday, January 23, 6 pm

Get ready for the 2008 Flower Show. Spend an evening enjoying the gardens of an exciting and extravagant era in our history, between the end of the First World War and the 1929 stock market crash, known as the Jazz Age. Garden historian and educator **Jenny Rose Carey** will focus on gardens from different parts of the country that epitomize the soul of the Jazz Age. Using images from glass slides from the McLean Library collection, Jenny will discuss how the influence of a changing culture, including the musical innovations of Jazz and the changing socio-economic situation in America, influenced gardens. How did gardens differ across the country? What other cultural influences were having an impact on garden design? Did more people have access to gardening? How can we learn about old gardens, especially those of everyday people?

British-born Jenny Rose Carey designed her first garden at age 16 and has since designed many gardens on both sides of the Atlantic. The daughter of a botanist, she has degrees in biology, education, and horticulture and has taught in both England and the United States, including at the Barnes Foundation and Temple University. Jenny is currently director of the Landscape Arboretum at Temple University Ambler. She gardens on her four-and-a-half-acre Victorian property in Ambler, which includes ponds, a shade garden, herb garden, xeriscape gravel garden, a stumpery, a cutting garden, and a fairy garden. Jenny has an interest in

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

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Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

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world gardens and garden history. Local gardens are a special passion, especially gardens of the early twentieth century and the women who made them. **Fee: $10 members, $15 non-members.**

Botanical Illustration Workshop: The Courtyard—Miniature Portraits in Colored Pencils

2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29, 10am – 3pm

The 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show will feature opulent courtyard gardens inspired by New Orleans to highlight the 2008 theme, *Jazz It Up!* In this new botanical illustration class presented by **Eileen Rosen**, we will study how to capture and preserve on paper the lush and colorful intimacy of the courtyard with colored pencils. Learn how to eliminate superfluous details, simplify, and reinterpret the complex. Bring photos from your own courtyard or from ones you've visited. We will also see pictures of European courtyards and look at photos from the McLean Library collection. A materials list will be sent on registration. First class must be attended.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Limit: 15. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**

Fundraiser for Mill Creek Farm

Sunday, December 9, 3 – 7 pm
The Ethical Society Building
1906 South Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia, PA

Celebrate the end of the second season at Mill Creek Farm, an urban farm in West Philadelphia where Philadelphia Green has provided design and technical assistance. Learn about the farm's activities, including growing and distributing fresh produce and educating the community about food, health, urban agriculture, and sustainability. The event will include light refreshments, a silent auction, and live music. Child care will be available.

For more information and tickets, please visit the farm website, *www.millcreekurbanfrarm.org*, or contact the farm at *millcreekfarm@resist.ca* or 267-242-5539.

FREE LECTURE SERIES

PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor two multi-session courses, *Mosses, Ferns and Other Non-Flowering Plants* and *Invasive Plants in the Philadelphia Area.* These courses are free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS auditorium. Pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus with reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement. **To register, please call 215-763-6529 ext. 23. Registration begins on Monday, November 12.**

Mosses, Ferns, and Other Non-Flowering Plants
Tuesday, January 15 and five Mondays, January 21 – February 18, 2008, 6:30 pm. (Please note: The first class is Tuesday, and the rest are on Monday.)

For many gardeners, the word "plant" is practically synonymous with "flowers." However, flowering plants have been on earth for a relatively short time, and even seed plants, such as pines, are relative newcomers. In this course **Karen Snetselaar** will survey the evolutionary history of land plants, including the members of these ancient groups that are still around today and are of special interest to gardeners and naturalists.

Karen Snetselaar is associate professor of biology at St. Joseph's University and professor of biology at the Wagner Free Institute of Science. Her specialty is botany and plant diseases.

Invasive Plants in the Philadelphia Area
Six Mondays, March 31 – May 5, 6:30 pm

Invasive plants have caused problems of varying magnitude in the Philadelphia area. In this course, taught by **Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler**, we will discuss the following: how invasive plants differ from non-invasives, negative impacts of invasives from the eighteenth century to the present, notorious invasives and their habitats, and management strategies for reducing or eliminating the negative impacts of these aggressive plants.

Dr. Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler is curator emeritus of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, where he has worked since 1962. He is the author of numerous publications and has taught at Swarthmore College, the University of Montana, Rutgers University, Millersville University, and Michigan State University and currently teaches at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation and the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

2008 Plant Sales List

Each year PHS compiles and posts on its website a list of plant sales, exhibits, and other major events sponsored by local plant societies and other nonprofit organizations. To have your event included, please complete a Plant Society questionnaire and return it to PHS by January 31, 2008. If your group's event has been listed in the past, you will automatically receive this form in the mail. If you have never been listed or if your address or contact information has changed, please contact Daniel Moise at *dmoise@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8871), and a questionnaire will be sent to you.

Please note: PHS gives precedence to Philadelphia-area special events. Monthly meetings will not be included. This listing is a service to our readers; items may be changed or deleted at the discretion of the editor.

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Hansberry Garden in Germantown recently hosted a City Harvest "Gleaning Day," when donations of home-grown produce were collected for distribution to needy families. Through City Harvest, inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System start vegetable seedlings that are grown to maturity at 25 community gardens in Philadelphia. The nonprofit partner SHARE facilitates distribution to area food cupboards. Funded by The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation, City Harvest also includes nutrition education. Pictured above are Hansberry gardeners with SHARE employees.

Special Shopping Day for PHS Members at Smith & Hawken Stores

Sunday, November 11, 12 – 5 pm

PHS members, begin your holiday shopping by enjoying a **20 percent discount at all Smith & Hawken stores** on November 11 from noon to 5 pm. Simply present your valid **PHS membership card**. PHS representatives will be at the Bryn Mawr and King of Prussia stores to greet you. If you patronize a Smith & Hawken store in another area or state, the discount is still in effect; simply be sure to present your membership card.

This discount is in effect for Sunday, November 11 only. Not included are catalog orders, furniture, gift cards, or Viking products. Sunday store hours vary, so please call your favorite store for their hours.

2007 Community Greening Award

PHS now recognizes gardeners across the commonwealth

The Community Greening Award celebrates public green spaces throughout Pennsylvania and in New Jersey and Delaware. Based on the PHS Suburban Greening Award, the Community Greening Award debuted this summer as a joint project of **PHS and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful**, a nonprofit that promotes and protects Pennsylvania's natural and community environments. The annual award recognizes those who have made a difference by planting and maintaining quality green spaces that are open to the public. A ceremony for Southeastern Pennsylvania winners will be held at PHS on November 11. **For more information about the Community Greening Award, please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897.**

Central Pennsylvania
Conrad Weiser Homestead, Womelsdorf
Depot Square Park, Tamaqua
Falling Springs Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center, Chambersburg
Lincoln Square, Gettysburg
Londonderry Township Park, Cochranville
The Long Home, Lancaster
River Front Park, Danville
Shikellamy State Park, Sunbury
Yuengling Park & Gardens, Pottsville

Western Pennsylvania
Chestnut Ridge Resort, Blairsville
East Philadelphia Street planting, Indiana
Ewing Park Gardens, Ellwood City
Hughes Library at Jefferson, Jefferson
PennDot Pilot Roadside Beautification Project
"Welcome to Indana" planting, Indiana
Pleasant Hills Triangle, Pleasant Hills
PNC Firstside Park, Pittsburgh
Rose Garden, Renziehansen Park, McKeesport
Sawmill Center for the Arts, Cooksburg

Southeastern Pennsylvania
Buckingham Elementary School, Buckingham
Eaton Park, Hatboro
High Street Hanging Planters, Pottstown
Iris Garden at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown
Pennsbury Manor, Morrisville
Richardson House Community Grounds, Langhorne
Reading Public Museum, Reading
Roy Lomas Carpets Inc., Kulpsville
Russell School, Broomall
St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church, Jamison
St. John's Organic Community Garden, Phoenixville
West Chester Pike Traffic Island, Newtown Square
Whitemarsh Township Building, Lafayette Hill

New Jersey
Avalon Fishing Pier Grille, Avalon
Beverly-Edgewater Light Rail, Beverly
Kemble Memorial United Methodist Church, Woodbury

Delaware
Christ Our King Church, Wilmington
East Dover Elementary School, Dover
Town of Milton

Lincoln Square, a traffic circle island cared for by the Gettysburg Garden Club, Gettysburg, PA

Why Does my Address Look Different?

PHS now standardizes addresses based on the new United States Postal Office regulations for outgoing mail. These standards include abbreviations such as "ST" for "Street." Standardized addressing speeds the processing and delivery of mail, reduces undeliverable mail, and provides dramatic savings to PHS. For more information on Postal Service guidelines, please visit *www.usps.com.*

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2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

A Sneak Peek at the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

March 2 – 9, 2008
Pennsylvania Convention Center
www.theflowershow.com

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The 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show, with its theme of ***Jazz It Up!***, will transport visitors to the incomparable city of New Orleans. Now in its 179th year, the Show will include **10 acres of inspired gardens** set to the tune of toe-tapping entertainment. Practical ideas will inspire gardeners of all levels to express themselves through plants, color, and texture and to jazz up their own spaces.

Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney, who traveled to the Big Easy last spring, will put together a series of dramatic displays that exude the energy of New Orleans. The journey will begin under an archway of colorful floating piano keys and musical notes bursting with flowers. Visitors can then swing over to the "Rhythm Rooms," a contemporary twist on the speakeasies of the 1920s. Over-the-top floral chandeliers, full-size palm trees, and imaginative garden rooms will push the limits of "outside-in" décor, while Southern plants from magnolias to oleanders will abound.

Set in the heart of the Rhythm Rooms, which will include a one-of-a-kind piano created by world-renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly, the **Legends Stage**, presented by Settlement Music School, will feature **classical and contemporary musical performances daily** by professionals as well as Settlement students.

Visitors can then venture to the **French Quarter**, where hanging gardens will drip from cast-iron balconies. Here, the **Bourbon Street Stage** will showcase "*N'awlins*" jazz by both New Orleans and Philadelphia artists. Guests can join in a "**Second Line Stroll**" along the way. A complete entertainment schedule will be available at *www.theflowershow.com.*

Cutting-edge gardening is still the number-one attraction for visitors. The nation's **top landscape and floral designers** will expand on the jazz theme with a multitude of great gardens that feature everything from orchids on the bayou to a juke joint in the woods. Educational exhibits highlighting the latest in sustainability, native plantings, and green products will also be featured.

Visitors can check out the newly designed **PHS Village** to learn more about PHS activities, including educational opportunities; awards; and Philadelphia Green, PHS's urban greening program. See page 5 for more on the PHS Village.)

Garden clubs and **area gardeners** will compete with their own jazz-inspired arbors, entryways, window boxes, and miniatures. On the Show floor, visitors can view hundreds of varieties of perfectly groomed bulbs, orchids, and other potted plants grown by both novices and experts.

In addition to thousands of plants and flower arrangements, experts from across the country will give **educational presentations** throughout Show week. From in-depth lectures to hands-on demonstrations, these programs will highlight the latest trends. A complete schedule of special events will be available online at *www.theflowershow.com.*

See you at the Show!

Philadelphia Flower Show
March 2 - 9, 2008

Pennsylvania Convention Center
12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA
www.theflowershow.com
Members' Preview: Saturday, March 1, 12 – 3:30

General Admission at the Show:
Adults: $28 on Opening Sunday (March 5),
$26 on weekends and $24 weekdays.
Children 2 – 16: $13 (good any day)
Student $17 (ages 17-24)

Advance Tickets:
Adults: $22
Children 2 – 16: $13
Group tickets (25 or more people): $21.50

For more information, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8899 (recorded information).

Avoid the crowds! The best viewing times are from 3 pm until closing.

PHS ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

The 2007 PHS annual report is now available on the PHS website. Just visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* to read a summary of last year's accomplishments, including the Flower Show and the work of Philadelphia Green. You can also view a financial report for the year, as well as a list of PHS contributors.

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Jazzing it Up in New Orleans

New Orleans had long been one of the cities I hoped to see one day, so when I learned that the son of a friend would exchange his wedding vows there in October, I leapt at the opportunity to join the special celebration. I was also eager to learn more about the city we plan to feature at the Philadelphia Flower Show in March, when our theme will be "*Jazz It Up.*"

New Orleans met every expectation I had for a city of contrasts. Within a few blocks in the French Quarter, the city was elegant and fun, raucous and tacky. On Bourbon Street, we were delighted with the excellent cuisine and in awe of the multitude of weekend activities. Hearing the Preservation Hall Jazz Band on Sunday night was a thrill. The properties in the Garden District were gorgeous. The wedding ceremony, which was held in a nineteenth-century church, was as full of optimism and love as every wedding should be. The bride's family had lived in New Orleans for several generations, and they provided the very best of Southern hospitality.

We also saw evidence of the enormous challenges the city still faces in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. On Saturday morning, we took an extraordinary tour, beginning downtown where our guide, Joe, pointed out the vacant multi-story office buildings with blown-out windows and damaged roofs. We could only imagine the challenging conditions in those buildings. We saw acre upon acre of empty, water-soaked schools and devastated shopping centers, and block after block of abandoned houses. Joe also took us to see the rebuilt levees, the new flood gates, and Lake Pontchartrain. When the tour was over, we could only marvel at the progress that has been made in some sections of the city, as well as admire the spirit and conviction of those who had returned to their homes.

Later in the day, some of us visited Longue Vue House and Gardens, a National Historic Landmark that includes eight acres of elegant gardens. Mercifully, the Classical Revival mansion hadn't suffered damage from the hurricane, but the garden had been devastated, and staff members were most grateful for the help that came from several states, including a work crew from Chanticleer in Wayne, PA.

At the Flower Show in March, we hope to offer a glimpse of the lively entertainment and beautiful gardens of New Orleans and provide you with lots of ideas to "jazz up" your own garden. And then, we hope you will plan a trip to New Orleans. Your tourist dollars will help the courageous inhabitants of this beautiful city with their continuing task of recovery.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

If January's gloomy skies and cold winds are getting you down, the staff at Meadowbrook Farm has a surefire way to shake the winter blues: houseplants!

Located in Abington Township, Meadowbrook Farm offers houseplants that meet the needs of green thumbs and novice growers alike. "There's nothing that lifts the spirits like seeing a colorful, flowering plant in the middle of winter," says Meadowbrook head grower Jessica Story.

One species Jessica recommends is passion flower. Fragrant and exotic, it calls to mind a sunny tropical shore. Most varieties can be grown indoors on a small trellis, but a hanging pot will do the trick if windowsill space is limited. For best results, Jessica suggests fertilizing every other week and providing good drainage.

Abutilon sp.

Passiflora sp.

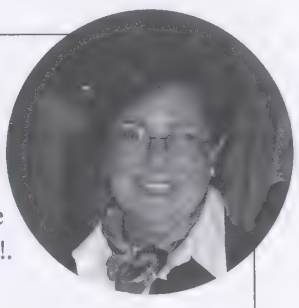
Another winter wonder is *Abutilon*, also called flowering maple. This favorite of the Victorian era can be grown as a potted plant, hanging plant, or even a small tree. Jessica says that with four to six hours of direct sunlight each day, *abutilons* will produce beautiful bell-shaped flowers. Under ideal conditions, this plant can bloom almost year-round.

Diana Weiner, Meadowbrook's manager of sales and community relations, recommends citrus plants such as orange, lemon, kumquat, or grapefruit. "Citrus requires a very sunny window, ideally one with a southern or western exposure," she says, "but what's better than fresh fruit in the middle of winter?" Plus, citruses are extremely resilient. Meadowbrook has a grapefruit tree that's more than 40 years old!

To add these and other equally enchanting houseplants to your indoor garden, visit Meadowbrook Farm this winter.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10am – 5pm.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT : Francesca Northrup



According to Francesca Northrup, she holds the "premier volunteer job in Philadelphia." She is serving as chair of Competitive Classes for the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show, Jazz It Up!. "It's a big commitment, but I'm really having a ball!" says Francesca.

Francesca's job is to oversee all of the entries submitted by individuals and garden clubs in the artistic, horticulture, and horticultural design classes (found in Hall B). She works closely with Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney and production director Kathy Mills to assign chairpersons for each of the classes, and collectively they select creative class titles. Classes must be chosen a year in advance of the Show. Right now, Francesca and her team are finalizing classes for 2009. Francesca also serves on the Flower Show Executive Committee, an oversight committee for the entire Show.

One of Francesca's most important roles as Competitive Classes chair is to ensure that all the classes are filled. This means holding a series of meetings to help potential exhibitors plan their entries and adhere to Flower Show guidelines. "It's important to keep our standards high and make sure people feel satisfied with their entries," says Francesca, who also helps edit the Flower Show *Exhibitor's Guide.* "Additionally, we offer workshops and demonstrations to encourage people to enter the Show."

Francesca is excited about some of the new classes for 2008, including one called "Dog Show." The entries will be wire forms (in the shape of canines) that are stuffed with moss and live plants. Another new class is "Costumes." Exhibitors will interpret costumes designed by students from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. "It is a privilege to be around all the creativity that people bring to the Flower Show. It's just astonishing," Francesca says.

Francesca's professional background is in nursing and higher education. Formerly a college dean as well as a nursing instructor at Johns Hopkins University, she is delighted to be leading a tour of the Show for two busloads of Johns Hopkins alumni this year.

Francesca is primarily a flower arranger, and she has won several blue ribbons on the artistic aisle of the Flower Show. She and her husband, Bruce, are avid gardeners. She says she has learned a lot through PHS education programs: "I take advantage of many of the lectures and workshops. I find them very enriching." Francesca and Bruce's garden also contains many PHS Gold Medal plants. "I can't keep away from them," she says.

The PHS mission of creating community through horticulture is something Francesca embraces wholeheartedly. "There is a wonderful community at the Flower Show. It is similar to going to summer camp, where friendships are made and renewed each year," she says. "Everyone is there to share and exchange information about gardening and arranging, and to share their delight in what they are able to produce. I've made so many wonderful friends. I don't know how that could be matched anywhere else."

- Jane Carroll

Changes at Philadelphia Green

PHS is pleased to announce exciting changes in leadership of its Philadelphia Green program, as well as a new emphasis on broader outreach. **Mike Groman**, who has led Philadelphia Green since 2000, is now PHS's senior director for state and national outreach. This new position reflects the expansion of Philadelphia Green's expertise beyond the city's borders to promote urban greening on a larger scale.

Mike is developing a plan for partnering with urban centers in Delaware, Chester, Bucks, and Montgomery counties in southeast Pennsylvania. In addition, he will continue to work with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and similar statewide organizations to support community greening efforts across the commonwealth. Mike is also laying the groundwork to position PHS as a national resource for other cities that are developing urban greening programs of their own. In particular, he will promote Philadelphia Green's successful Vacant Land Management Project as a model to older cities in the Northeast and Midwest that grapple with abandoned land.

"We're excited to offer the Philadelphia Green model to other cities, especially formerly industrial cities that have lost economic vibrancy and population over the past decades," Mike says. "We're spreading the message that greening attracts new residents, jobs, and investment."

Two long-time directors of Philadelphia Green will assume full responsibility for the program as senior directors. Together, **Joan Reilly** and **Maitreyi Roy** will oversee the programmatic and operational direction of Philadelphia Green, as well as work to strengthen and expand Philadelphia Green's partnerships with residents, corporations, city and state government, and community-based and environmental organizations.

In addition to the greening programs they will oversee, including parks revitalization, civic landscapes, and vacant land management, Joan and Maitreyi will continue the development of new environmental initiatives, including a partnership with the Philadelphia Water Department's Office of Watersheds to create horticultural solutions for stormwater management.

Daniel Moise

Left to right: Maitreyi Roy, Mike Groman, and Joan Reilly

"These changes support a host of important goals that are part of the PHS Strategic Plan, which guides our initiatives through 2011," notes PHS executive vice president J. Blaine Bonham Jr. "Mike, Joan, and Maitreyi bring a wealth of talent and experience to their new roles, and we wish them all the best."

Getting Inspired by Europe's Green Spaces

An Interview with Maitreyi Roy

In the spring of 2007, Philadelphia Green's senior director Maitreyi Roy received an Eisenhower Fellowship to travel throughout Europe (*http://eisenhowerfellowships.org*). Her goal was to study open space practices in the European Union and look for innovative ideas to improve the planning and management of green space in the Philadelphia region. Following are some observations from her trip.

Maitreyi, tell us why you went to Europe?
I traveled to Germany, Spain, Ireland, Belgium, and France to learn more about the importance of quality "green infrastructure" (the network of all green spaces within cities) and how it affects the daily lives of European citizens. Older American cities like Philadelphia are attracting new investments and becoming economic centers once again, yet unlike in Europe, the true value of our green spaces has yet to be realized here. My travels gave me a first-hand look at massive land reclamations, public waterfronts, intimate parks and gardens, and how they all come together to create great synergy between people, places, and plants.

In Spain, Bilbao's revitalized riverfront connects local communities to the water via tramways, bikeways, roads, and walkways linked together in a seamless urban weave.

How important is urban planning and greening there?
Everywhere I traveled it was evident that city residents have deep connections to their parks, gardens, and greenways. For example, urban planning for cities across Germany and Spain strongly emphasizes an ecological framework. This includes forests, agricultural fields, meadows, and bodies of water around the city centers. This regional network is often linked to the smaller networks of green spaces that reach right into cities.

What were some inspirational open spaces you saw?
In Madrid, the system of parks within its historic center is linked via the newly constructed M-30 parkway and a system of 'cover parks' over the highway to the regional forest areas. Barcelona boasts a network of plazas and signature pedestrian spaces. And Berlin, a city where more than 30 percent of the land area is forest, is developing new green spaces to not just create ecological connections, but also to reunify its eastern and western sectors, especially along the footprint of the Berlin Wall.

How does funding figure into the equation?
Funding for green infrastructure in urban areas is a top priority, especially in Spain and Germany. Europe sees its cities as strategic investments for the future. Madrid, Bilbao, Barcelona, and Berlin have all benefited from large-scale investments in urban infrastructure projects, with significant resources from the European Union and federal governments.

What European ideas can we borrow for Philadelphia?
The process of "renaturalizing" abandoned industrial sites in Europe provides great inspiration, since Philadelphia has a significant inventory of large-scale factories and warehouses that lie unused, especially along the Delaware waterfront. These are ripe for converting into green spaces. Also, the level of governmental collaboration on urban environmental issues in Europe is inspiring. This creates a shared plan and maximizes impact. Advocating for such collaboration among city, state, and federal agencies may yield good results for Philadelphia.

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer: A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Winter Houseplant Care
Wednesday, January 9, 1– 2 pm
Walnut Park Plaza Senior Residence
6250 Walnut Street

Designing Hanging Baskets
Monday, January 7, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Lillian Marrero Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
601 W. Lehigh Avenue

African Violets and other Blooming Houseplants
Saturday, January 12, 2 – 3 pm
Walnut West Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
201 S. 40th Street

How to Succeed at Seed Starting
Wednesday, January 23, 7 – 8 pm
Lovett Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6945 Germantown Avenue

Philadelphia Flower Show Preview Reception and Dinner

Saturday, March 1, 2008
Tickets Now on Sale

2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

An elegant black-tie event, the Preview Reception and Dinner allows guests to view the Flower Show the night before it opens to the public. To be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on Saturday, March 1, the reception begins at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 8 pm. This year's party will feature New Orleans musician Irvin Mayfield. An educator, composer, performer and arranger, Mr. Mayfield is one of the most recorded young jazz artists of his generation. Proceeds from the Philadelphia Flower Show and Preview Reception and Dinner benefit the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green program. For more information, please contact Ellen Wheeler at 215-988-8830 or *previewdinner@pennhort.org*, or visit the PHS website and click on "PHS Events."

Left to right: Flower Show Executive Committe chair Howard Meyers, PHS president Jane Pepper, Preview Dinner Committee chair Penny Hansen, and PHS Council chair Harry Hill cut the ribbon and welcomed guests to the 2007 Preview Reception and Dinner.

Recent Events

Last October, acclaimed Australian **floral arranger Mark Pampling** demonstrated contemporary sculpted arrangements for an audience of PHS members and guests. Pampling also led floral design workshops over the course of three days for beginners to competitive arrangers.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Conshohocken-Windemere Park in September to recognize and celebrate the significant improvements in both Conshohocken-Windemere Park and Cliveden Park, which were funded by a generous grant from the Bank of America Foundation. These projects resulted from a strong partnership with the Friends of Conshohocken Park, the Friends of Cliveden Park, and the Philadelphia Department of Recreation. Above, PHS president Jane Pepper (right) stands with PHS Council member Ken Wood and Deborah O'Brien of Bank of America.

PHS members gathered for a cocktail reception and preview sale at Linde Meyer's Liberty Place jewelry store, **Linde Meyer Platinum + Gold + Silver** in October. This reception, which introduced jewelry designer Janet Mavec, raised $1,000 for PHS. Pictured are Jane Pepper; Janet Mavec; and Louise Hill, wife of PHS Council Chair Harry Hill.

Challenge Grant from the Independence Foundation Supports Annual Fund

Gifts to the **PHS Annual Fund** help the organization carry out its mission to motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture. In addition to your membership, please consider making an Annual Fund gift; there has never been a better time. **The Independence Foundation has "challenged" PHS to raise an additional $30,000 in new and increased Annual Fund support, and will match the new and increased portion of all gifts made to the Annual Fund this year.** While proceeds from the Flower Show, along with funding from foundations, corporations, and government agencies, are vital sources of revenue that support PHS programs—including Philadelphia Green—contributions from individuals are equally important.

Please help us meet the Independence Foundation Challenge! Just fill out the form below and mail to: PHS Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. You may also make a secure payment online at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or by phone (call 215-988-8776 weekdays 10 am to 4 pm).

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2008 PHS Annual Fund and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

Name_____ Tel. _____

Address _____ email _____

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Please accept a gift of: ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other_____

I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership.

Check enclosed (payable to PHS) ☐

Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card #_____ Expiration_____

Signature_____

Mail to: PHS Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Membership Notes

Members' Tickets for the 2008 Flower Show
Members, watch your mailboxes for delivery of your complimentary tickets for the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show. **Tickets will be mailed the week of February 4.** When your tickets arrive, please put them in a secure place where you'll be sure to find them at Show time. PHS cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced tickets.

Members' Lounge:
Take a break during the Flower Show at the PHS Members' Lounge.

Hours: Monday, March 3, through Saturday, March 8, 10 am – 7 pm;
Sundays, March 2 & 8, 10 am – 4 pm

Renew Early!
The months leading up to the Philadelphia Flower Show are the busiest time for PHS membership renewals. The best way to make sure you receive your 2008 Flower Show tickets on time is to **renew your membership as soon as possible.** It is easy to renew online at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org.* Of course, you can still renew by mail, by fax (215-988-8810), or by phone (215-988-8832). Thank you for renewing early!

White Flower Farm Purchases Help Support PHS
Did you know that you can help support PHS simply by shopping for plants? Whenever you place an order with **White Flower Farm**, the family-owned mail-order nursery based in Connecticut, **the company will rebate 10% of your order total to PHS.** Simply provide the code **PENHS** on your next order, whether by phone, internet, or mail-order. To browse the White Flower Farm catalog, visit *www.whiteflowerfarm.com.* For more information, please contact the PHS membership office at 215-988-8776 or *memserv@pennhort.org.*

Visit the New PHS Village at the Flower Show

The PHS Village at the Philadelphia Flower Show will emphasize the richness of PHS's 181-year history and will include a timeline of the Flower Show, which was first held in 1829.

"Many people who come to the Flower Show know little about its legacy, and we hope to change that," says Sam Lemheney, the Show's design director. "For instance, ours is the largest and longest-running Show of its kind. We're proud of that tradition and want to share it with others."

This story will be conveyed via engaging and interactive displays. Visitors will also learn about the crucial role PHS plays in the region through its Philadelphia Green program. Since 1974 Philadelphia Green has pioneered urban revitalization efforts in parks, public spaces, and community gardens. Proceeds from the Flower Show support these projects.

"In many ways the Flower Show is a fundraiser for improvements throughout the city," says Sam. "By buying a ticket to the Show, guests are contributing to Philadelphia Green's promise to enhance people's quality of life through horticulture."

Those who stop by the PHS Village are encouraged to learn about the full range of PHS programs and the various ways they can become a part of the action. Even current PHS members may be surprised by all the exciting opportunities available, including lectures and demonstrations, fun family events, and trips to desirable destinations both local and abroad.

Details about PHS programming can be found at the Village membership booth, adjacent to the Flower Show Shoppe—home of all Flower Show merchandise, including DVDs, clothing, jewelry, and other memorabilia. PHS members receive a discount on most Shoppe items.

Sam says, "We want our members to be involved with PHS all year long, and the PHS Village explains how to make that happen."

PHS is most grateful to Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton, a long-time Flower Show exhibitor, for providing the resources for planning and building the PHS VIllage.

Travel With Us

Gardens in Holland and Belgium
April 21 – May 2, 2008

PHS will travel to the Low Countries to visit stellar private gardens, outstanding museums, and fascinating cities. We'll stay in four-star hotels in cities and in garden settings in the countryside and enjoy private hospitality in the gardens we visit. Although most of the tour is in Holland, we'll spend two days visiting private gardens in Belgium.

The cultivation of tulips has long been important to the economy of Holland. We will explore the world-renowned Keukenhof, the beautiful annual bulb display by Dutch bulb growers. At Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site, we'll have a boat ride to view working windmills.

This trip will include more than tulips, windmills, and canals. Both Holland and Belgium offer outstanding gardens inspired both by centuries-old botanical heritage and design trends from other countries. There are stunning contemporary translations and adaptations of English gardens and mixed perennial borders. Splendid world-famous museums like the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam are easily accessible, and the Mauritshuis and Kroller Mueller are included in the itinerary.

Our guide will be Beline Geertsema, a garden designer who is chair of Nederlandse Tuinenstichting, a foundation to preserve gardens with historical and cultural interest. Jean Lenehan of JL Tours and PHS staff member Betsy Gullan will also accompany the group.

The Gardens of Dorset and Lower Thames Valley with Jane Pepper
June 8 – 19, 2008

PHS president Jane Pepper will lead another tour of British gardens, first in the rural coastland and chalk downs of Dorset, then in the rich lower Thames Valley in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

Dorset features a wide range of garden styles, from the sub-tropical at Abbotsbury to the architectural at Athelhampton. The Thames Valley, which for centuries has been the main economic artery of southern England, features spacious estates such as Cliveden and West Wycombe, as well as smaller specialist and village gardens.

The PHS group will be welcomed in many private gardens for tours, lunch, and afternoon tea. We will also visit notable architectural sites in Dorset and Sherborne Abbey, along with Prince Charles's "model village" at Poundbury. Tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior, owners of the specialty Heritage Garden Tours, will join Jane in leading the group.

Gardens in Western Massachusetts: Berkshire County
June 23 – 26, 2008

We'll board a private motor coach for a four-day adventure to the Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts. Known for their beautiful scenery and natural landscapes, forests, historic landmarks, and rolling hills, the Berkshires encompass idyllic areas around Stockbridge and Lenox. Many "weekenders" here have become year-round residents, and the natural beauty of the area has inspired the creation of outstanding gardens.

PHS members and guests will explore public gardens such as The Mount (Edith Wharton's estate and gardens) and the Berkshire Botanical Garden, as well as a variety of private gardens. Overnight accommodations will be at the historic Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge. Betsy Gullan of PHS and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours will lead the tour.

Gardens on Eastern Long Island
July 21 – 24, 2008

On this four-day trip by private motor coach, PHS members and guests will visit gardens on the two peninsulas on the eastern end of Long Island, the south and north forks. "The Hamptons" on the south fork is famous for large estates and gardens. Although the north fork has a quieter feel, it also has wonderful gardens and is a major vineyard area. We'll visit one of the vineyards and learn about viticulture on Long Island.

Our itinerary includes outstanding gardens belonging to prominent garden designers and artists. We'll see creative uses of plants at every turn, and we'll tour a well-known nursery to purchase some of the plants we admire along the way. Overnight accommodations will be at Baron's Cove in Sag Harbor, a famous whaling port in the 1800s.

Bus pick-up locations will be determined when registration is complete. Betsy Gullan, PHS education manager for member activities, and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne will accompany the group.

NOTE: Itineraries for these trips are available on the PHS website. To receive printed copies, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org.*

Photo: Maria Nation

Berkshires

Photo: Bert Vermeijden

Holland

A Tribute to Chuck Rogers

A prominent figure in Delaware Valley horticulture and a dear friend of PHS, Chuck Rogers died on November 4, 2007. His involvement with PHS reaches back to 1948, when he became a lifetime member, and included the Harvest Show, the Gold Medal Plant Award program, the Plant Dividend, and the Philadelphia Flower Show.

I first got to know Chuck at the Flower Show 20 years ago. Over the years he spearheaded the Flower Show exhibits of the Philadelphia Zoo, then Meadowbrook Farm, and most recently the US Environmental Protection Agency. Executing a major Flower Show exhibit was not enough to fill his Flower Show dance card, however; Chuck also exhibited and judged at the Show.

Chuck loved horticulture, and over his career he inspired hundreds of Delaware Valley gardeners. He eagerly shared his forcing tips with new Flower Show exhibitors and also shared his best plants with members at the annual Plant Dividend. Chuck's enthusiasm was infectious, and I am sure many of you have his plants growing in your gardens.

Several years ago I received a pair of white-berried *Nandina domestica* 'Alba' that Chuck had propagated. He proudly stated, "I know you'll appreciate these—the berries are really white." Chuck was right. They remain, as he does, a true horticultural treasure.

-Kathleen A. Mills
Director of Production, Philadelphia Flower Show

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Workshop: Glass Bowl Terrarium
Tuesday, January 15, 10 am – 12 noon

In the depths of winter, what could be better than to brighten your home with a lush, green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure requires special attention. But once assembled, your mini plant world is easy to care for, requiring minimal pruning and limited watering. Led by Meadowbrook horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan**, this hands-on workshop offers all the necessary ingredients, including a 10-inch glass bowl, soil and moss and, of course, an assortment of small plants suitable for terrarium planting. **Limit: 20. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

Walk: Winter Tree Identification
Thursday, January 17, 10 am – 12 noon

If you can identify a tree in winter you can identify one at any time of year. Meadowbrook Farm sales and community relations manager **Diana K. Weiner** will bring you on a walking tour of the Meadowbrook grounds and show you how to look at the bark, buds, seeds, and profile of many deciduous and coniferous trees and use these as tools for accurate identification. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress warmly! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Flower Show Behind the Scenes
Wednesday, February 20, 10 – 11:30 am, OR 1:00 – 2:30 pm

This behind-the-scenes tour of Meadowbrook Farm's greenhouses will focus on the art, science, successes, and challenges of forcing plants for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will introduce us to some of the unusual plants he is growing for Meadowbrook and other exhibitors at the 2008 Show. Please specify if you would like to attend the morning or afternoon session. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS
100 N 20th STREET, PHILADELPHIA

Evening Lecture: Gardens of the Jazz Age
Wednesday, January 23, 6 pm

Get ready for the 2008 Flower Show. Spend an evening enjoying the gardens of an exciting and extravagant era in history, between the end of the First World War and the 1929 stock market crash, known as the Jazz Age. Garden historian and educator **Jenny Rose Carey** will focus on gardens from different parts of the country that epitomize the soul of the Jazz Age. Using images from glass slides from the McLean Library collection, Jenny will discuss how the influence of a changing culture, including the musical innovations of jazz and the changing socio-economic situation in America, influenced gardeners. How did gardens differ across the country? What other cultural influences had an impact on garden design? Did more people have access to gardening? How can we learn about old gardens, especially those of everyday people?

British-born Jenny Rose Carey designed her first garden at age 16 and has since designed many gardens on both sides of the Atlantic. The daughter of a botanist, she has degrees in biology, education, and horticulture and has taught in both England and the United States, including at the Barnes Foundation and Temple University. Jenny is currently director of the Landscape Arboretum at Temple University Ambler. Jenny has an interest in world gardens and garden history. Local gardens are a special passion, especially gardens of the early twentieth century and the women who made them. **Fee: $10 members, $15 non-members.**

This lecure will be followed by a reception in the McLean Library.

Inside a greenhouse at Meadowbrook Farm.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

Name:_____ Member ID#_____

Guest(s):_____
(if a guest will be accompanying you,please provide name)

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: (day)_____ (evening)_____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number:_____ Expiration: _____

Signature:_____

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

The Lloyd iris garden in Haverford, PA, will be discussed in the Gardens of the Jazz Age lecture.

Botanical Illustration Workshop: The Courtyard—Miniature Portraits in Colored Pencils

Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29, 10am – 3pm

The 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show will feature opulent courtyard gardens inspired by New Orleans to highlight the 2008 theme, *Jazz It Up!* In this new botanical illustration class presented by **Eileen Rosen**, we will study how to capture and preserve on paper the lush and colorful intimacy of the courtyard with colored pencils. Learn how to eliminate superfluous details, simplify, and reinterpret the complex. Bring photos from your own courtyard or from ones you've visited. We will also see pictures of European courtyards and look at photos from the McLean Library collection. A materials list will be sent on registration. First class must be attended.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America.

Limit: 15. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.

Free Lecture Series

PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor two multi-session courses: "Mosses, Ferns and Other Non-Flowering Plants" and "Invasive Plants in the Philadelphia Area." These courses are free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus with reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement. **To register, please call 215-763-6529 ext. 23.**

Mosses, Ferns, and Other Non-Flowering Plants

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATES: Six Mondays, January 14, January 28, February 4, 11, 18 & 25. (No class January 21)

For many gardeners, the word 'plant' is practically synonymous with 'flowers.' However, flowering plants have been on earth for a relatively short time, and even seed plants, such as pines, are relative newcomers. This course will survey the evolutionary history of land plants, including the members of these ancient groups that are still around today and are of special interest to gardeners and naturalists.

Karen Snetselaar is associate professor of biology at St. Joseph's University and professor of biology at the Wagner Free Institute of Science. Her specialty is botany and plant diseases.

Invasive Plants in the Philadelphia Area

Six Mondays, March 31 – May 5, 6:30 pm

Invasive plants have caused problems of varying magnitude in the Philadelphia area. In this course we will discuss the following: how invasive plants differ from non-invasives, negative impacts of invasives from the eighteenth century to the present, notorious invasives and their habitats, and management strategies for reducing or eliminating the negative impacts of these aggressive plants.

Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler is curator emeritus of Botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, where he has worked since 1962. He is the author of numerous publications and has taught at Swarthmore College, the University of Montana, Rutgers University, Millersville University and Michigan State University, and currently teaches at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation and the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

McLean Library Happenings

Brown-Bag Lunch Lecture: History of the Philadelphia Flower Show

Friday, January 25, Noon – 1 pm
PHS Auditorium

McLean Library manager **Janet Evans** and library conservator **Jude Robison** will present a history of the Philadelphia Flower Show from its beginnings in 1829 to the present day. This illustrated lecture draws on material from the extensive archives of the PHS McLean Library, including never-exhibited vintage Flower Show photographs and Show-related items.

While this lecture is free, please register by contacting Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *programreg@pennhort.org*. Please bring a lunch; beverages and snacks will be provided.

What's in Your Attic?

The McLean Library is seeking memorabilia from past Philadelphia Flower Shows. Please call 215-988-8779 if you are interested in donating show-related memorabilia, such as medals, posters, or other items.

New Exhibit in the Library 'Gardens of the Jazz Age'

January 23 – March 31, 2008

Incorporating material from the McLean library archives, this exhibit is inspired by the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show theme, *Jazz It Up!* and is an accompaniment to garden historian Jenny Rose Carey's lecture on 'Gardens of the Jazz Age' (January 23; see page 6). The exhibit features images from glass lantern slides and other material related to gardens and gardening in Philadelphia between the first and second World Wars.

Philadelphia Green Skills Conference

Saturday, January 26, 2008, 9 am – 2 pm
Moore College of Art & Design
20th & Race streets, Philadelphia

Keynote Speaker:
Judy Wicks, White Dog Community Enterprises

Session topics:

* Waking up Creativity
* Organizing a Community Tree Planting
* Art & Advocacy
* Marketing on a Shoestring Budget
* Organizing an Event
* Eating Healthy

Cost: $5.00 in advance, $10.00 at the door. For a brochure, please call Krista Raneri-Cheeseman at 215-988-8760 or email *dwaters@pennhort.org*.

The Philadelphia Green Skills Conference is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer...A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA.

Plant a Seed... Volunteer

PHS has wonderful volunteer opportunities all year long. If you are interested in any of the tasks described below, or for more information, **please contact Susan Strawbridge at** *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* **or 215-988-8876.** Susan will gather general information about your background, conduct a brief interview, and put you in touch with the contact person for the job you are interested in. We look forward to welcoming you to PHS!

Philadelphia Flower Show, March 2 – 9, 2008
There are many ways to become involved in the Flower Show, and you are welcome to choose more than one! Hours are flexible. Here is a sampling:

- Exhibitor Aides: Help transport plants
- Runners: Carry cards for plant entries to and from typing table
- Recorders: Log information on plant entries
- Clerks: Assist judging teams and place ribbons
- Infonet: Welcome and direct visitors or staff the information booth
- PHS Shoppe: Sales and service assistance during the show; pricing items before the show
- Garden Tea: Help serve formal tea

Are You a Community College Student?
PHS offers service-learning opportunities in the areas of technology, marketing, horticulture, hospitality, business administration, research, and development.

Internships
PHS offers internships, both credit and non-credit, in many different areas and offers flexible schedules. PHS currently seeks interns in information technology, marketing, and administration.

General Office Assistance
PHS needs assistance with activities ranging from mailings to data input to assembling media kits and more. This is a great way to get involved and learn about all the different activities at PHS.

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Indulge yourself with Garden Tea at the 2008 Flower Show. Step into another world with elegant, serene surroundings, soothing music, and beautiful flowers. Enjoy a light menu of petit tea sandwiches, pastries, fruit and an assortment of fine teas. Reserve today for you and a companion!

Two seatings daily: March 2 – 9
12:30 – 2 pm & 3:45 – 5:15 pm

Admission: $28 per person plus Flower Show admission. Same-day Flower Show admission is required and is not included in the price of Garden Tea. Reserve early as seating is limited. Seating is pre-assigned at tables for four to five people. To make a reservation, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215 988-8879.

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The Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia helped out at the ninth annual Fall for Your Park event at Cobbs Creek Park and Laura Sims Skatehouse in West Philadelphia in October. They joined about 400 other volunteers who collected trash, removed invasive weeds, planted and pruned trees, created new flower beds, and painted the skatehouse. PHS extends a big "thank you" to everyone who attended!

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Artful Costumes and Curious Canines at 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

Plastic bags, rubber face masks, and metallic scrub brushes are just some of the recycled materials used to make runway-worthy costumes that will be on view at the 2008 Flower Show.

Students from Philadelphia's University of the Arts will create costumes inspired by the Show's theme, *Jazz It Up!*. The costumes and companion flower arrangements, made by floral design competitors, will be placed side by side at the Show for judging—and for the public to enjoy.

"It's very 'Project Runway'," says longtime volunteer and exhibitor Anne Coste, chair of the Flower Show's arrangement classes, referring to a popular cable TV show that gives young clothing designers a chance to strut their stuff. The new class is the brainchild of Competitive Class chair Francesca Northrup and Show designer Sam Lemheney.

"It is a creative partnership with the University of the Arts, as well as a way to put a new spin on the Flower Show and get young people involved," Lemheney says.

"People will be really amazed by what these students came up with," adds Northrup.

Also new to the competitive classes this year is a whimsical, stuffed-forms "Dog Show." The entries will be wire forms in the shape of dogs that are stuffed with moss and live plants. The idea came from longtime Flower Show exhibitor Kathy Kristol.

Kristol has been exhibiting a stuffed Scottish terrier at the Show for the past three years—as the owner of two Scotties, she's partial to the breed. "When another exhibitor told me she wanted to do a Welsh corgi, I thought maybe we could have a Dog Show."

Stuffed forms are different from topiaries. While topiaries are created from a carefully grown and manicured plant, a stuffed form is filled with moss, and then plants are added to create the final shape.

Prospective exhibitors attended a stuffed forms workshop at Meadowbrook Farm last fall led by Chris McCarron, manager of landscaping at Sesame Place.

McCarron's advice to exhibitors: "Be daring. Inject the passion you have for your breed, and it will come out."

- Laura Beitman

Photos courtesy University of the Arts

University of the Arts seniors Megan Frisch (left) and Anna Ha model the costumes they created for the Flower Show. Frisch's piece, 'Meltdown,' is made of orange plastic construction fencing, while Ha's 'Lines' is constructed of tea bags and thread.

Philadelphia Flower Show
March 2 - 9, 2008

Jazz It Up!

Pennsylvania Convention Center
12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA

www.theflowershow.com

Members' Preview: Saturday, March 1, 12 – 3:30 pm

Hours: Sundays, March 2 & 9, 8 am - 6 pm
Monday-Friday, March 3-7, 10 am - 9:30 pm
Saturday, March 8, 8 am - 9:30 pm

General Admission at the Show:

Adults: $28 on Opening Sunday (March 2)
$26 on weekends and $24 weekdays

Children 2 – 16: $13 (good any day)

Students (ages 17-24): $17 (Student tickets are available at Box Office only. Must present a valid student ID and proof of age.)

Advance Tickets:

Adults: $22

Children 2 – 16: $13

Group tickets (25 or more adults): $21.50

For more information, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8899 (recorded information).

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LEARN ABOUT GARDENING AT THE FLOWER SHOW

Not only can you see spectacular displays at the Flower Show, but you can also learn about gardening, flower arranging, and a whole lot more. On the bridge concourse, plan to attend the Lectures & Demonstrations series, which presents celebrated speakers on a wide array of horticultural topics, and the All-Star Culinary Presentations, free cooking demonstrations hosted by Chef Joseph E. Shilling and the Art Institute of Philadelphia. In Hall B on the Show floor, check out the Gardener's Studio for demonstrations and gardening tips throughout the day. To view a list of Flower Show speakers and workshops, please visit *www.theflowershow.com*.

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Going the Extra Mile

The Flower Show's "set-up week" is my favorite time of the year. Gathered under one roof at the Pennsylvania Convention Center are our talented exhibitors; scores of fabulous volunteers; staff members putting their careful plans into action; and all the people behind the scenes, without whom we couldn't put on a Show.

One of my favorite behind-the-scenes teams is the group of patient, cheerful men we call the "dock crew" who direct the traffic on the ramp behind the Convention Center. This is not an enviable job. For almost three weeks they have to deal with anxious exhibitors; harried staff members; and all kinds of trucks, trailers, and vehicles carrying everything from odd-looking props to tender plants. If it's warm some years, we kid them because they get a nice tan. Most of the time, however, the dock is cold and miserable, and sometimes these stalwarts have to handle all that chaotic traffic in a snow storm.

Every year, each of these guys gives me a huge smile and a "welcome home" hug when I first arrive on the back dock to take up residence at the Convention Center. I am usually a mess, with boxes, a laptop computer, and clothes to suit every occasion. Usually I'm running way behind schedule, but to them this is just part of the action, and they always make my move-in smoother and more fun.

One face won't be among that smiling crowd this year. Around Thanksgiving, one of the dock team, Walter "Skip" Gola, died in his sleep. Skip was only 62 and was a 23-year veteran of the Philadelphia police force. A native of the city's Kensington neighborhood, Skip retired from the force in 1992, and we have enjoyed his cheerful presence at the Convention Center dockside for the last 11 years.

Skip not only welcomed us all on the dock, but he also played a major role in keeping the peace inside the halls. Moving a big flower show in and out is like a carefully choreographed ballet. Every truckload of soil and every precious plant must be placed on the floor in a particular location. Once an exhibitor received permission to move from the dock into the exhibition hall, Skip's assignment was to make sure the driver engineered the truck into the correct location. During move-out after the Show, he was responsible for getting everything out of the halls so the next show could move in on our heels. Without a ballet master like Skip, the whole process could easily turn into a log jam.

Skip, we will miss you, and we are very grateful to your colleagues who continue help make our lives run smoothly for several weeks in March: James Abbott, Gregory Faith, Thomas Felke, Walter Feilke, George Kowalski, Joseph McCarthy, and John Pierce. Thanks, guys!

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

The Philadelphia Flower Show may run for only eight days, but for the staff at Meadowbrook Farm, preparation for the big event extends years in advance. They spend that time growing and grooming hundreds of plants that will be featured in dozens of exhibits.

"The shelves of our greenhouses are stocked with all sorts of plants," says Meadowbrook general manager John Story. "It may be winter outside, but in there it looks—and smells—like spring. Our visitors can't believe their eyes."

Which is why Meadowbrook offers the "Flower Show behind the Scenes" tour, a sneak peek that reveals the fascinating process of preparing plants for the world's largest and longest-running indoor Flower Show. Two tours are scheduled for February 20 (see page 6 for details).

Daniel Moise

Of chief interest on the tour will be an up-close look at some exotic species Meadowbrook is cultivating, including gingers, hostas, aroids, and banana trees up to 10 feet tall. John says people enjoy seeing how the plants they learn about in the greenhouses are incorporated into the larger-than-life displays at the Show.

Those who take the tour will also get to see the early stages of Meadowbrook Farm's own exhibit. The Meadowbrook team is preparing a circular garden titled "Cool Jazz and Hot Rhythm."
"The music theme lends itself to lots of color, and we intend to embrace that," explains John. "Our exhibit will include celosia, coreopsis, rudbeckia, marigolds—even ornamental peppers."

"It's exciting to watch it all come together," John says of the preparations. "If people want the full Flower Show experience, they should come to Meadowbrook Farm in February."

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
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www.gotomeadowbrook.com
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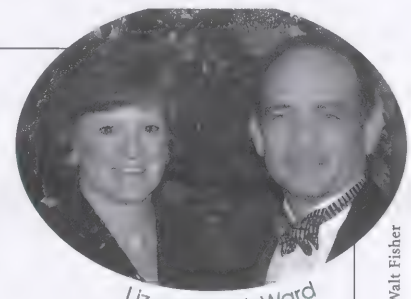
IN THE SPOTLIGHT : The Ward Family



Liz and Mark Ward

Sandra Ward

Photos by Walt Fisher

For Sandra Ward, her son Mark Ward and other members of their clan, helping out at the Philadelphia Flower Show is a family tradition. Long-time Show volunteers, Sandy and Mark are the first mother-and-son team to serve on the Flower Show Executive Committee, and it all started nearly 40 years ago.

Sandy first became involved with the Show at the urging of a friend, and one of her early jobs was to help spruce up the Show floor after the Saturday night preview cocktail party, before the Show opened to the public on Sunday. She began to bring her son Mark along to help when he was just five or six years old, and he was hooked.

Both Sandy and Mark claim to have done just about every job there is at the Show. Sandy has helped process entries for the Niche Classes, assisted judges, has served as chair of awards and chair of competitive classes, and has helped arrange the awards luncheon held on the last Saturday of the Show. She's also part of the "signs" team, painstakingly checking and cleaning all the exhibitor signage before the Show opens. In addition to the Flower Show Executive Committee, she serves on the Competitive Classes Committee.

Like Sandra, Mark has filled various roles at the Show. "I'll do anything that needs to be done," he says. And he means anything. At the Civic Center, he once rolled up his pant legs and waded into freezing cold water to attend to some boats in one of the displays. Mark gives VIP tours of the Show and serves as a "goodwill ambassador," which means politely but firmly keeping exhibitors off the Show floor during judging. Mark is also a member of the PHS Development Committee and has served on PHS Council.

Mark's wife, Liz, has also joined the PHS family, volunteering at the Flower Show as well as exhibiting with her garden club, The Gardeners. Along with Mark, she serves on the Azalea Garden Party Committee, which organizes the annual fundraiser for the Azalea Garden. Mark and Liz have got their children involved with PHS as well.

What keeps this intrepid family coming back? "I always tell people I just love seeing the people come in and enjoy everything," explains Sandy, who was awarded a PHS Certificate of Merit in 1999. "You work really hard, but the reward is hearing the 'oohs' and 'aahs.' I love the fact that we can bring all this beauty together in one building in such a short time."

For Mark, it's that and more. He points to the fact that Flower Show revenue helps fund PHS's Philadelphia Green program. "It's the importance of what PHS does for people and for Philadelphia," he says. "I'm from an old Philadelphia family, and I like to think I'm helping to keep the original heritage of our city alive—realizing William Penn's vision of a 'Green Countrie Towne'."

Second Annual Philadelphia Sustainability Awards

Monday, March 3, 5:30 pm

Presented by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and its partners, the **Philadelphia Sustainability Awards** recognize individuals, nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies that are doing innovative work and playing a leading role in creating a more sustainable future for the Philadelphia region. ("Sustainability" is defined as the ability to provide for our present needs without damaging the ability of future generations to provide for theirs.)

PHS will host the **awards ceremony on March 3** at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, in Room 114 (main lecture hall), **during the Philadelphia Flower Show.** The awards celebrate accomplishments in energy efficiency, green building, habitat protection, greening and landscaping, and several other categories. There are about 50 nominees for this year's award, representing the entire Philadelphia region.

"Hosting this event is a good way to highlight PHS's role in creating a greener environment and more sustainable future for our region," says Mike Groman, PHS senior director for state and national outreach. "It's also a nice tie-in with the Flower Show, since Show proceeds help to support those efforts."

In addition to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, the Philadelphia Sustainability Awards are presented by the Academy of Natural Sciences; the American Institute of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter; the City of Philadelphia; Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission; the Delaware Valley Green Building Council; PennFuture; PHS; and The Reinvestment Fund.

The ceremony is open to the public, but registration is required and is limited to the first 500 people. Stay tuned for information about special guests at this year's event! For more information, please visit *www.philadelphiasustainabilityawards.org.*

PHS to Present at Schuylkill Watershed Congress

Saturday, March 1, 2008 (field trips Sunday, March 2)

The **Schuylkill Watershed Congress** is an annual gathering of citizens interested in understanding, protecting, and restoring local watersheds. (A watershed is the land drained by a stream, creek, or river.)

PHS, the Philadelphia Water Department, and the **East Falls Development Corporation** will give a presentation on the East Falls Model Neighborhood Project. Through this collaborative project, the partners worked with residents of East Falls—a Philadelphia neighborhood adjacent to the Schuylkill River—to create design standards to improve stormwater management and enhance the look and feel of important public sites. The project was funded by the William Penn Foundation as part of their Schuylkill River Initiative.

The Schuylkill Watershed Congress is made possible in part by support from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Pennsylvania Sea Grant. All are welcome. **For information, please call 215-369-1188, ext. 109 or visit *www.delawareriverkeeper.org.***

Celebrating Parks

Philadelphia Green hosted the annual Party for the Parks in December at the South Philadelphia restaurant, Occasions by Galdo. Nearly 320 people representing 30 community parks attended the party, which included awards for volunteers. At Right, Victor Richard, then-commissioner of the Philadelphia Department of Recreation (left), was presented with a symbolic check for $1,350,000 representing the value of labor contributed by volunteers. Making the presentation were (left to right) Laurel Sweeney, president of the Fisher Park Community Alliance; Vicki Burks of the Friends of Cliveden Park; and Joan Blatstein, director of environment, stewardship, and education for Fairmount Park.

Herb Moskovitz

Photos by Walt Fisher

TreeVitalize Program Renewed

PHS Receives Grant

Governor Edward G. Rendell announced that a $760,000 grant has been awarded to PHS to continue the TreeVitalize program in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The grant is part of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program. The funds will allow PHS to help community organizations and local governments increase tree cover in the region through education, best practices, technical assistance, and expanded tree-planting projects.

TreeVitalize was launched in 2004 as a four-year effort to help restore the tree canopy in Southeastern Pennsylvania, where millions of trees have been lost to development in the past few decades. PHS has played a key role in TreeVitalize by organizing neighborhood plantings and providing education and training for citizen volunteers. "More than 20,000 trees have been planted since 2004, and hundreds of new volunteers have been engaged," says Philadelphia Green senior director Maitreyi Roy. "We're very grateful to have the opportunity to continue with this terrific project." For more information about TreeVitalize, please visit *www.treevitalize.net.*

Margaret Funderburg

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Cacti and Succulents as Houseplants
Monday, February 4, 6 – 7 pm
Whitman Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
200 Snyder Avenue

Growing Herbs Indoors
Friday, February 8, 11 am – 12 noon
Perzel Community Center
2990 St. Vincent Street

Seed Starting Indoors
Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
South Philadelphia Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1700 S. Broad Street

Gardening in Containers
Monday, February 25, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute, Free Library of Philadelphia
1905 Locust Street

The Perennial Garden
Friday, March 14, 11 am – 12 noon
Perzel Community Center
2990 St. Vincent Street

Save the Date: 2008 Azalea Garden Party

Thursday, May 1, 5:30 to 8 pm

Margaret Funderburg

PHS president Jane Pepper (right) chats with Azalea Garden Party chairs Bob Butera and Marilyn Sifford at the 2007 party.

Celebrate the arrival of spring among hundreds of spring-blooming shrubs at the **Azalea Garden Party** on **Thursday, May 1, 5:30 to 8 pm.** This annual celebration—whose chairs this year are Marilyn Sifford and Bob Butera, and young friends co-chairs are Erin and Frank Herz—raises funds for year-round maintenance of the four-acre garden, located in Fairmount Park just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dress in your best garden hats and attire and join us for an evening of food, fun, and activities for the whole family.

For information, please contact Ellen Wheeler at 215-988-8830 or *ewheeler@pennhort.org*.

If you are interested in supporting the maintenance of the Azalea Garden by contributing items for the Party's raffle or silent auction, please contact Cecily Mandl at 215-988-8805 or *cmandl@pennhort.org*. **Our deadline for receiving raffle contributions is April 15, 2008.**

1827 Society Events

In February, 1827 Society Members will enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the **greenhouses at Meadowbrook Farm.** General manager John Story will lead a fascinating journey through the magic and science of forcing plants for the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show. Members will also get a sneak peek at what John's growing for the central feature and Meadowbrook's own exhibit.

For more information about joining The 1827 Society or upcoming events, includng visits to private gardens this Spring, please contact Lisa D. Bendezu, senior manager of Annual Giving, at 215-988-8794 or *lbendezu@pennhort.org*. Information about The 1827 Society can also be found on our website by clicking on "Support PHS."

Staff News

Lisa D. Bendezu joined the PHS staff in November as senior manager of annual giving. Lisa came to PHS from the Academy of Natural Sciences, where she served as director of membership. Lisa has also served as director of membership at the Franklin Institute and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, and has worked on annual fund campaigns. At PHS, Lisa will be responsible for The 1827 Society as well as annual giving.

Pete Prown

For information about The 1827 Society or annual giving opportunities, please contact Lisa at 215-988-8794 or *lbendezu@pennhort.org*.

New Location for Member Services

The **PHS Member Services department has moved to the third floor of PHS headquarters,** 100 N. 20th St. in Philadelphia (20th & Arch streets). If you want to stop by to purchase or renew your membership, please take the elevator to the third floor, turn right off the elevator and walk down the hallway to **room 305.** Of course, you can always renew or purchase memberships online at the PHS website. Questions? Please call 215-988-8776 or email *memserv@pennhort.org*.

Travel With Us

Gardens in Holland and Belgium
April 21 – May 2, 2008

PHS will travel to the Low Countries to visit stellar private gardens, outstanding museums, and fascinating cities. We'll stay in four-star hotels in cities and in garden settings in the countryside and enjoy private hospitality in the gardens we visit. Although most of the tour is in Holland, we'll spend two days visiting private gardens in Belgium.

We will explore the world-renowned Keukenhof, the beautiful annual bulb display by Dutch bulb growers. At Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site, we'll have a boat ride to view working windmills.

This trip will include more than tulips, windmills, and canals. Both Holland and Belgium offer outstanding gardens inspired both by centuries-old botanical heritage and design trends from other countries.

Our guide will be Beline Geertsema, a garden designer who is chair of Nederlandse Tuinenstichting, a foundation to preserve gardens with historical and cultural interest. Jean Lenehan of JL Tours and PHS staff member Betsy Gullan will accompany the group.

The Gardens of Dorset and Lower Thames Valley with Jane Pepper
June 8 – 19, 2008

PHS president Jane Pepper will lead another tour of British gardens, first in the rural coastland and chalk downs of Dorset, then in the rich lower Thames Valley in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

Dorset features a wide range of garden styles, from the sub-tropical at Abbotsbury to the architectural at Athelhampton. The Thames Valley features spacious estates such as Cliveden and West Wycombe, as well as smaller specialist and village gardens.

The PHS group will be welcomed in many private gardens for tours, lunch, and afternoon tea. We will also visit notable architectural sites in Dorset and Sherborne Abbey, along with Prince Charles's "model village" at Poundbury. Tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior, owners of the specialty Heritage Garden Tours, will join Jane in leading the group.

Gardens in Western Massachusetts: Berkshire County
June 23 – 26, 2008

We'll board a private motor coach for a four-day adventure to the Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts. Known for their beautiful scenery and natural landscapes, forests, historic landmarks, and rolling hills, the Berkshires encompass idyllic areas around Stockbridge and Lenox. Many "weekenders" here have become year-round residents, and the natural beauty of the area has inspired the creation of outstanding gardens.

PHS members and guests will explore public gardens such as The Mount (Edith Wharton's estate and gardens) and the Berkshire Botanical Garden, as well as a variety of private gardens. Overnight accommodations will be at the historic Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge. Betsy Gullan of PHS and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours will lead the tour.

Gardens on Eastern Long Island
July 21 – 24, 2008

On this four-day trip by private motor coach, PHS members and guests will visit gardens on the two peninsulas on the eastern end of Long Island, the south and north forks. "The Hamptons" on the south fork is famous for large estates and gardens. Although the north fork has a quieter feel, it also has wonderful gardens and is a major vineyard area. We'll visit one of the vineyards and learn about viticulture on Long Island.

Our itinerary includes outstanding gardens belonging to prominent garden designers and artists. We'll see creative uses of plants at every turn, and we'll tour a well-known nursery to purchase some of the plants we admire along the way. Overnight accommodations will be at Baron's Cove in Sag Harbor, a famous whaling port in the 1800s.

Bus pick-up locations will be determined when registration is complete. Betsy Gullan, PHS education manager for member activities, and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne will accompany the group.

NOTE: Itineraries are available on the PHS website. To receive printed copies, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.

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Workshop: Botanical Illustration with Watercolor
Eight Tuesdays: March 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6
10 am – 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor or have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, creating form and dimensionality, and discussion of brushes and paper. It is necessary to attend the first session of this eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Limit: 15. Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.**

Evening Lecture: Heirloom Dahlias—Floral Gems and Culinary Treats
Thursday, April 10, 6 pm

Author, educator, heirloom plant champion and food historian **William Woys Weaver** will treat us to an historical overview of dahlia cultivation (especially in the nineteenth century), a survey of the types of dahlias that breeders have favored, and a discussion of the dahlia's overlooked culinary qualities. He will also discuss his own attempts to "back-breed" (breeding to get back to earlier forms) heirloom dahlias to create flowers resembling long-extinct varieties.

William Woys Weaver grows more than 200 varieties of dahlias in his garden. Most of them are more than 50 years old, with some dating to Victorian and Edwardian times. He is a well-known food historian, a contributing editor to *Gourmet* and *Mother Earth News*, and an adjunct professor in food studies at Drexel University. He is also finishing his doctoral work on food tourism at University College Dublin, Ireland. **Fee: $10 members, $15 non-members.**

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments and wine.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Flower Show Behind the Scenes
Wednesday, February 20, 10 – 11:30 am, OR 1:00 – 2:30 pm

This behind-the-scenes tour of Meadowbrook Farm's greenhouses will focus on the art, science, successes, and challenges of forcing plants for the Philadelphia Flower Show. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will introduce us to some of the unusual plants he is growing for Meadowbrook and other exhibitors at the 2008 Show. Please specify if you would like to attend the morning or afternoon session. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Divide and Conquer
Thursday, March 27, 10 am – 12 noon

Some of the best varieties you can plant this spring are right in front of you, just waiting to be increased in number. By propagating your own plants, you can get more plants for your own garden, have some to give away to friends, or share some of your favorites with PHS members at the PHS Plant Dividend at Members' Day this fall. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will show different types of root systems and explain which have to be divided, what plants you can layer, and how to propagate both common and unusual perennial plants. This comprehensive course will turn the apprehension of propagation into a delight of discovery and success. You will have so many new plants you will need to start a new garden! Participants will receive hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. **Limit 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Demonstration: Basic Pruning
Wednesday, April 9, 10 am – 12 noon

Pruning is a basic skill every gardener must develop. In this demonstration, which includes a walk around the grounds of Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook general manager **John Story** will offer essential and practical tips for pruning a variety of shrubs, including broad-leaf evergreens, conifers, flowering shrubs, and "cut backs." **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration and Walk: Organic Gardening Principles and Techniques
Tuesday, April 15, 10 am – 12 noon

If you're curious about organic gardening, but not sure how to begin, here is your chance to discover how simple and rewarding it can be. You'll learn the compelling reasons for gardening without harmful chemicals and fertilizers. The vegetable garden at Meadowbrook Farm incorporates many organic techniques, and Meadowbrook head gardener **Glenn Ashton** will show you how he prepares the soil; composts and mulches the

Daniel Moise
A greenhouse at Meadowbrook Farm

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You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

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garden; implements integrated pest management; and applies organic disease, insect, and weed control to this extensive garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Shady Characters—Gardening in the Woodland Garden

Thursday, April 17, 10 am – 12 noon

A woodland walk in any season is a delight: from the cheerful early bulbs of spring to the cooling retreat from summer's heat to the crisp, clear fall color and winter's play of light. It takes some knowledge of trees, shrubs, light levels, and cultivation to keep a woodland garden going strong from year to year. Meadowbrook Farm sales and community relations manager **Diana K. Weiner** will demonstrate that once the basics are learned, the fun begins—adding biennials and perennials to the landscape. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

Wayne, Pa

Walk: Early Spring Bulbs

Wednesday, April 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk, classroom discussion, and slide lecture will explore the cheerful, seasonal flowers of spring: "Dutch" bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald** will focus on the most rewarding spring-blooming bulbs, those that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Daniel Moise

Walk: Cool Containers—Exciting Plant Combinations for Early Spring

Thursday, April 17, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Most gardeners get itchy for bit of green and color in early spring. But does the threat of severe temperature changes frighten you away from planting up some early spring containers? With a little creativity, there can be far more in your early-spring pots than just pansies. One can combine cold-tolerant annuals, bulbs, cut branches, perennials, and woody plants to create dynamic combinations that stand up to the season's changeable weather. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will offer ideas and inspiration during this demonstration, discussion, and tour of the early-season containers at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Small Trees

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will demystify all aspects of pruning and demonstrate basic techniques for small trees. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Lift and Separate

Thursday, April 24, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Why has my iris stopped blooming? Why does my sedum have a big dead patch in the center? Maybe it's time to divide them. But with so many different plants, what's the best approach for each type? Learn the tricks of dividing and replanting to rejuvenate a variety of perennials—and increase their number, too. Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will share the best tools and techniques for separating different kinds of root systems. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs

Wednesday, April 30, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

As a complement to his small-tree pruning demonstration (on April 23), Chanticleer horticulturist Przemek Walczak will focus on practical pruning tips for shrubs. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

IN THE GARDEN

Hardy Winter Flowers

Swarthmore, PA

Tuesday, March 11, 1 – 3 pm, (Rain date, March 13)

Even in winter, the garden can be alive and actively growing, with a seamless succession of blooming flowers that revel in the cold. Bulbs carpet the bare ground, and shrubs waft their fragrance on warm days that bring the early promise of spring. These tough, but delicate flowers come from a remarkable array of bulbs, perennials, and shrubs hardy in the Delaware Valley. Recent milder winters have significantly increased the success rate of flowers in the winter landscape as compared to even twenty years ago. On a tour of his garden, **Charles Cresson** will show how to enhance the berries, bark textures, evergreens, and silhouettes in your winter landscape with flowers in full bloom.

Charles Cresson is a garden designer, consultant, photographer, author, and gardener. His garden, Hedgleigh Spring, is widely known for its collection of plants and compelling plant combinations throughout the seasons. He studied at the University of Vermont and the University of Bath in England and has worked for the Royal Horticultural Society and W. Atlee Burpee & Co. He is the award-winning author of three books: *Charles Cresson on the American Flower Garden, Ornamental Trees,* and *Rock Gardening.* He was awarded the PHS Certificate of Merit in 2001. Cresson is also author of the guidebook to Meadowbrook Farm. **Limit: 20. Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

Volunteers needed for Garden Visits

Consider becoming a **volunteer for the PHS Garden Visits.** Shifts run from **11:30 am to 2:30 pm or 2 to 5 pm.** This is a great opportunity to spend a Sunday afternoon in a wonderful garden and meet fellow PHS members. Jobs include greeting and counting attendees, directing parking, and directing visitors within the garden. You may also visit the other gardens on the tour during the shift you are not working. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *cdutill@pennhort.org.*

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Wilmington, Delaware, Sunday, May 4
Norristown and Beyond, Sunday, June 8

This year's Garden Visits will spotlight exceptional gardens in Wilmington, Delaware, and the Norristown, Pennsylvania, area. Exclusively for PHS members and their guests, these self-guided tours are from **12 noon to 5 pm. Pre-registration is required by April 25 for the Wilmington tour and May 30 for Norristown.** Please use the form on page 6 to sign up. Directions and a map will be sent upon registration. For more information, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8776 or *programreg@pennhort.org.*

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Invasive Plants in the Philadelphia Area

Six Mondays, March 31 – May 5, 6:30 pm

Invasive plants have caused problems of varying magnitude in the Philadelphia area. In this course, taught by **Alfred E. Schuyler**, we will discuss the following: how invasive plants differ from non-invasives, negative impacts of invasives from the eighteenth century to the present, notorious invasives and their habitats, and management strategies for reducing or eliminating the negative impacts of these aggressive plants.

Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler is curator emeritus of Botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, where he has worked since 1962. He is the author of numerous publications and has taught at Swarthmore College, the University of Montana, Rutgers University, Millersville University, and Michigan State University. He currently teaches at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation and the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

Bartlett Day at the Flower Show

2008 Philadelphia Flower Show

Thursday, March 6, 8 am – 2:30 pm

BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS

PHS and Bartlett Tree Experts will present a special day for tree professionals at the 2008 Flower Show on Thursday, March 6. The annual "Bartlett Day" offers horticulturists and arborists the latest advancements in planting and maintenance, with an emphasis on environmentally sound practices.

Topics include the care of newly planted trees, best nursery practices for growing high-quality trees, and plant selection for sustainable and pleasing landscapes. The program will include a question-and-answer session, as well as a continental breakfast, lunch, and admission to the Flower Show.

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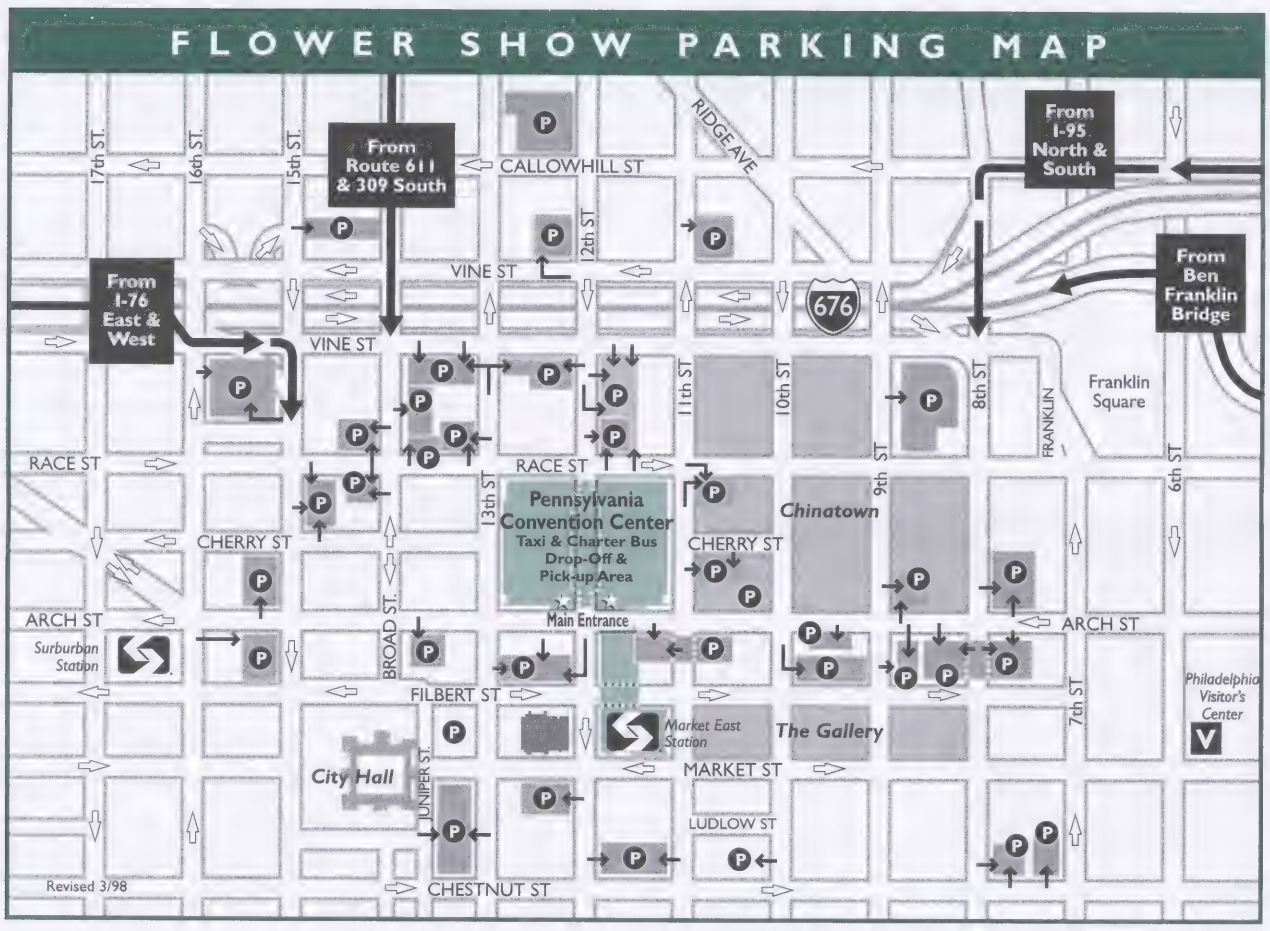

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Special activities planned by local organizations will take place at noon each day. Please check concourse monitors at the Show for an up-to-date schedule.

Pete Prown

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Join the PHS Family of Volunteers!

Volunteers, numbering in the thousands, form a motivated, inspirational team that provides countless hours and myriad skills to the operation of the Philadelphia Flower Show. During the Show and throughout the year, volunteers help PHS fulfill its mission of *creating a sense of community and improving the quality of life through horticulture.*

"What's unique about PHS is that volunteers can choose from a broad range of jobs that utilize their varied talents," says Susan Strawbridge, volunteer program manager. "At PHS, there's something for everyone all year long."

If you like nothing better than getting your hands in the dirt, you can divide perennials at the Azalea Garden (near the Philadelphia Museum of Art) or help out in community gardens growing vegetables for PHS's City Harvest project, which distributes food to local food pantries. If you prefer a less physical task, you can work in the PHS offices or greet guests at member events. Love to visit gardens? How about serving as a City Gardens Contest judge? You can try out different jobs from time to time. And, you can sign up as an individual, or your group can sign up as a team.

To volunteer for any of the following activities, or to learn about other volunteer roles at PHS, **please contact Susan Strawbridge at** *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* **or 215-988-8876.** You can also find information on the PHS website.

Volunteers in action at the Azalea Garden and at Spring Into Your Park (inset).

Kids Grow Expo
Friday, April 25
9:30 am – 2 pm
Volunteers are needed for set-up and judging at this educational event for schoolchildren, held at Temple University Ambler. Please see page 8 for more information.

Spring Into Your Park
Saturday, April 26
10 am – 1 pm (hours may vary at different parks)
Philadelphia Green will host its annual Spring Into Your Park, where you can help with cleanups, tree-plantings, gardening activities, and celebrations in neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia.

Meadowbrook Farm Open House
Spring Open House, June 14, 10 am – 5 pm
Greet guests, sell memberships, or assist with children's activities.

Garden Visits
Saturday, May 10, Wilmington, Delaware
Sunday, June 8, Norristown and vicinity
Spend a Sunday afternoon in a wonderful private garden, meet fellow PHS members, and help direct guests.

City Gardens Contest
July and August
Volunteer judging teams are needed in July and August to visit and evaluate gardens throughout Philadelphia for this annual contest.

Civic Landscapes Sites
Volunteer workdays
Put your gardening skills to work at PHS-managed public sites in Center City Philadelphia, including the Azalea Garden in Fairmount Park, Historic Eastern State Penitentiary, the grounds of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and others. Each site has a schedule of workdays, most on Saturday mornings.

City Harvest
Through Philadelphia Green's City Harvest project, community gardens throughout Philadelphia are growing vegetables—started as seedlings by inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System—for distribution to needy families in our region. Volunteers are needed to help with seasonal gardening activities and other garden projects. All levels of gardening experience are welcome.

Members' Events
Various dates
Greet guests, serve refreshments, or distribute information at various events for PHS members, including PHS Members' Day in September.

PHS Gardening Classes—Now Coming to You!

PHS is bringing its lectures, classes, and garden walks closer to your home. See page 6 for details on upcoming programs in New Jersey; the Lehigh Valley; York, PA; and Upper Bucks County. Watch the *PHS News* or visit the calendar on the PHS website for more information about regional activities and events.

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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

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PEPPERPOT

A Parade of Flowers

Growing up in Scotland, the sports my brothers talked about were rugby and cricket. American football was not even in their lexicon. When I came to live here I couldn't understand the huddles, the big shoulders and black marks on the football players' faces. So when Flower Show designer Sam Lemheney told me he had been invited to judge the floats in the Rose Parade that precedes the Rose Bowl Game, in Pasadena, California, I was even more confused. The only float I knew was that wonderful American specialty: the root beer float. Football and floats seemed like an odd combination.

I learned that the Rose Parade, also known as the Tournament of Roses, is a beloved and historic tradition and that it was a big honor for Sam and PHS to have him selected as a judge. Just three judges are asked to opine on the merits of more than 40 floats, each one 50 to 75 feet long and decorated only with natural materials.

This sounded like an American extravaganza I had to see, so Sam and I decided it was the perfect event for a special PHS trip. We were thrilled when 16 PHS members decided to set out on this adventure with us.

Like the Philadelphia Flower Show, the Rose Parade involves thousands of volunteers. On the first day we joined others working on the Fiesta Parade Floats. Our tasks were basic (stripping *Dendrobium* orchid blossoms from stems, putting glue on the back of *Galax* leaves, or sticks onto lotus pods), but that "float barn" was reminiscent of set-up week at the Flower Show. Even with the subtle atmosphere of competition there was a feeling of great camaraderie, just like in Philadelphia before the Show.

Gluing and sticking with us was Lou, an eighty-year-old woman from the Midwest who has volunteered for the past decade. Across the tent was a group of teenagers who came on a bus from 100 miles north of Pasadena, whose job was to iron palm leaves in an old mangle (a machine for pressing fabrics). Boy Scout troops, church groups, and friends from different cities who meet in Pasadena for "float building" once a year were also at work in this barn.

In addition to the 900-plus members of the Tournament of Roses Association (who do everything from taking care of the judges to arranging the pooper scooper brigade to clean up after the horses on the parade route), some 16,000 volunteers participate in float building each year.

Sam loved his judging experience. However, with only a short time to study each piece—which exhibitors had spent months working on—it was challenging to make high-stakes decisions. We were thrilled when the Rain Bird float, on which we had stuck a few leaves, won the Sweepstakes prize, top honors for the most beautiful float.

Friendly competition, the volunteer spirit, and beautiful flowers: It felt a lot like home.

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

The Philadelphia Flower Show is a great start to the gardening season. Now, you can recapture elements of your favorite Show exhibits by visiting the outdoor sales area at Meadowbrook Farm. As a featured supplier of Flower Show plants, Meadowbrook carries many of the varieties you've seen at the Show—just what you need to give your garden a jazzy twist. **PHS members enjoy a 10 percent discount on all plants.**

"We will offer hundreds of the best spring plants, including the newest hybrids and Gold Medal Plant award winners," says Meadowbrook general manager John Story.

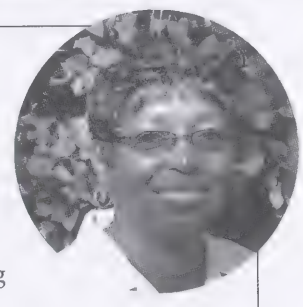
If you're unsure which plants are right for your garden, don't worry. The staff at Meadowbrook is highly knowledgeable and will help you find something that meets your style and needs. "Every garden has its own special conditions; we can help you select what works best for you," says John.

As a new service this spring, Meadowbrook will test the pH balance of your soil. Simply bring in a soil sample (visit the Meadowbrook website for instructions) and you'll quickly receive an accurate reading. John says, "The pH factor is one of the most important in developing a great garden and is also one of the easiest to control."

Meadowbrook Farm has free parking, gorgeous planted areas offering great ideas, expert advice, and exceptional plants to *Jazz Up* any garden. Visit the website for special offers and more information.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10am – 5pm.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT : Johnnie Mae Parker



Two decades ago, when Johnnie Mae Parker was looking to move, she came upon a house for sale with a mighty and magnificent tree across the street. More than the size of the closets or height of the ceilings, for her, that tree was the house's number-one selling point.

"It may sound silly to some, but trees give me a good feeling about life," she says. "I love waking up in the morning, looking out the window, and seeing nothing but the leaves and branches."

That's why Johnnie Mae worked with PHS and the Frankford Garden Club to have even more trees planted along her block. Although some of her neighbors were hesitant at first, Johnnie Mae reports that those who originally were most skeptical are now the biggest tree supporters.

"A city street looks so much better with trees. Beyond that, it's been my experience that trees bring the people who live on the block closer together," she says.

Community is extremely important to Johnnie Mae. As vice president of the Frankford Garden Club, she spends many afternoons with her colleagues volunteering at Womrath Park, Overington Park, and other green spaces in her neighborhood. The industrious club also lends its services to charitable causes, such as distributing flowers on holidays to recipients of hospice care.

In recognition of her volunteer activities, Johnnie Mae recently received the Neighbor of the Year award from the Frankford Coalition of Neighbors, a civic organization that promotes diversity.

At meetings of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board—which she has served on since 2003—Johnnie Mae enjoys hearing about what people across the city are doing to preserve open space and keep lots clean. She says, "Philadelphia Green keeps different neighborhoods connected so we can all learn from each other."

Johnnie Mae's favorite place to network with other urban activists is one of the busiest and most bustling locations imaginable: the Philadelphia Flower Show. A steadfast volunteer, she says she feeds off the energy: "I'm happy to help out at any location, but I most enjoy being in the middle of the Show floor—that's where all the action is. People come from all over to be at the Flower Show, so it's the perfect place to swap stories."

- Daniel Moise

Philadelphia Green Awards

2008 Philadelphia Green Brunch Awards

The Philadelphia Green Brunch at the Philadelphia Flower Show is an annual tradition recognizing individuals, groups, and partnering organizations that have made significant contributions to urban greening. The 2008 Awardees have been essential partners in Philadelphia Green's Civic Landscapes initiative, which partners with the city and other organizations to revitalize and maintain important public sites, streetscapes, and gateways.

The 2008 Brunch Awardees include:

Center City District: Partners with PHS to install and maintain street trees, sidewalk planters, parking-lot screens, and hanging baskets throughout downtown Philadelphia.

Penn's Landing Corporation: Maintains colorful, vibrant plantings on the Delaware River waterfront and along Columbus Boulevard.

Interstate Land Management Corporation: Maintains plantings on state-owned land along I-95 through Center City Philadelphia, including elevated "cover parks."

Sunoco: Sunoco has partnered with PHS to install and maintain plantings that have dramatically improved the appearance of 26th Street, which leads travelers from Philadelphia International Airport to the city.

Hayward Ford

Hayward Ford Receives First Leadership Award

Hayward Ford received the first "Philadelphia Green Leadership Award," presented at the Philadelphia Green Brunch by J. WIlliam Mills III, president of PNC Bank. A member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board, Ford has served since 1986 as garden coordinator for Aspen Farms, one of Philadelphia's most enduring community gardens. The West Philadelphia garden was established in 1975 with support from Philadelphia Green and encompasses more than 28,000 square feet. As a long-time volunteer for several community organizations, Hayward Ford is devoted to the garden and serves as an advocate for Aspen Farms and community gardening citywide.

Green City Strategy Highlighted on Upcoming TV Program

Town Hall Meeting to Air on PBS

On February 19, PHS co-hosted a Town Hall Meeting at the WHYY television studios in Philadelphia. Community activists, civic and business leaders, representatives of government and nonprofit organizations, students, and educators engaged in a lively discussion of environmental and quality-of-life issues in the Philadelphia area.

The forum was a follow-up to the documentary series *Edens Lost and Found,* produced by the Media & Policy Center Foundation, which highlighted efforts to improve the environment and create greener communities in four US cities: Seattle, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

"Taking part in this forum was part of our continuing drive to promote the Green City Strategy for Philadelphia," says PHS executive vice president Blaine Bonham, referring to PHS's vision of greening as an essential tool in urban revitalization. "Judging from the knowledgeable and committed people who shared their ideas at this event, we have every reason to be optimistic about Philadelphia's future."

PHS Council Chair Harry Hill also attended the Town Hall Meeting. "It was a great affirmation of the enthusiasm being felt by a cross-section of Philadelphians for the greening recovery of our city," he says. "Additionally, the new mayor and his administration are clearly being welcomed as believers in the importance of Philadelphia and its role as a 'green city,' today and into the future."

The event was co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, CDM, Ashoka, the Home Depot Foundation, the Educational Foundation of America, and PHS. It was co-hosted by PHS, the Media & Policy Center Foundation, WHYY, and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

The Town Hall Meeting, along with a screening of the Philadelphia segment of the documentary, *Philadelphia: The Holy Experiment,* will be broadcast on **Sunday, April 13 from 5 – 7 pm on TV12.** Please check *www.pbs.org* for local broadcast times. For more information about *Edens Lost and Found,* visit *www.edenslostandfound.org.*

Tammy Leigh DeMent

TreeVitalize Receives Philadelphia Sustainability Award

TreeVitalize, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, has been awarded a Philadelphia Sustainability Award. The program was one of two winners in the Government Leadership category. Launched in 2004, TreeVitalize aims to restore the tree canopy in southeastern Pennsylvania. It involves citizens and local government in tree-planting and promotes the benefits of trees through education and community engagement.

As a lead partner in TreeVitalize, PHS expanded its Tree Tender training program and works with residents, other organizations, and city government to plant trees in Philadelphia neighborhoods and parks. PHS organizes tree-planting and educational events throughout the region, facilitates partnerships, and provides technical assistance and training to municipal managers.

TreeVitalize Accomplishments through December 2007 in Southeast Pennsylvania:

- Planted more than 20,100 trees along streets, in parks, schools, on other public lands and in private gardens.
- Restored 296 acres of forested riparian buffer (lands along streams and rivers), including more than 50,000 native trees and shrubs and 19,100 seedlings
- Educated 2,800 people through PHS Tree Tender classes
- Engaged 11,000 volunteers in community tree planting and tree-care projects
- 2007 National Winner, the Home Depot Foundation, US Conference of Mayors Award for Excellence in Community Trees

Presented by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and its partners, the Philadelphia Sustainability Awards recognize individuals, nonprofits, businesses, or government agencies that play a leading role in creating a more sustainable future for the Philadelphia region. The award is being presented at a ceremony on March 3 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, during the Philadelphia Flower Show.

"We are honored to receive this Philadelphia Sustainability Award on behalf of our many TreeVitalize partners, who have worked to reverse the alarming loss of tree cover as part of an effort to create a sustainable metropolitan area," says Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Michael DiBerardinis.

2008 Azalea Garden Party

Thursday, May 1, 5:30 to 8 pm

This year's Azalea Garden Party Committee chairs Marilyn Sifford and Bob Butera pictured, with Jane Pepper (right), hosted a cocktail reception at their Norristown home in February.

Fairmount Park PHILADELPHIA'S PARK SYSTEM

Greener Partners SUBARU

Celebrate the arrival of spring among hundreds of spring-blooming shrubs at the **Azalea Garden Party** on **Thursday, May 1, from 5:30 to 8 pm.** This annual celebration—whose chairs this year are Marilyn Sifford and Bob Butera and young friends co-chairs are Erin and Frank Herz—raises funds for year-round maintenance of the four-acre garden, located in Fairmount Park just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Dress in your best garden hats and attire and join us for an evening of food, fun, and activities for the whole family.

Ticket prices are as follows: Benefactor, $175; Patron, $125; Young Friend (35 and under), $65; Mini Friends (under 12), no charge. Please note there is a $10 surcharge on all tickets bought at the door. The Party will also feature a **raffle and silent auction** with items such as a teak outdoor furniture set from Smith & Hawken, a **one-bedroom apartment at the Academy House over 4th of July weekend,** and a **garden consultation with Jane Pepper**! Raffle tickets are $20 each or three for $50 (need not be present to win). If you are interested in attending the party or in purchasing raffle tickets, **please contact Ellen Wheeler at *ewheeler@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8830.**

The PHS Annual Fund

How You Can Make a Difference

Contributions to the **PHS Annual Fund** provide important unrestricted support that enables PHS to implement thousands of urban greening projects through its acclaimed Philadelphia Green program, the largest urban greening program in the country.

Philadelphia Green works with residents and partners across the city and region to organize large-scale tree plantings, support community gardens, revitalize neighborhood parks, plant spectacular civic landscapes such as Logan Square, and provide environmental education programs in our city's classrooms through its Green City Youth project.

You can help contribute to the success of Philadelphia Green by making a donation of any size to PHS. For additional information on making a gift, please contact Lisa Bendezu, senior manager of Annual Giving, at *lbendezu@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8794.

1827 Society Corner

PHS has scheduled a variety of exciting **programs and events** in 2008 for members of The 1827 Society. In April, there will be a demonstration on creating winter gardens, followed by two events in May: a trough workshop and a trip to private gardens in northern New Jersey. The spring season concludes with a party for 1827 Society members at a private garden.

Invitations will be sent to 1827 members prior to each event. For more information about The 1827 Society and its events, please contact Lisa Bendezu, senior manager of Annual Giving, at *lbendezu@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8794.

PHS Membership

Your Key to American Gardens

If you are a Household or Leadership level member, your PHS membership card entitles you to free admission and additional benefits at botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories throughout North America. Through the **American Horticultural Society (AHS) Reciprocal Admissions Program**, members receive special admission privileges, as well as discounts on gift shop purchases and special events at participating gardens.

Simply present your current PHS membership card at the admissions counter or gift shop of the garden you are visiting to receive the benefits. Each card will admit only the individual(s) whose name is listed on the card. Some gardens may require a photo ID. A list of participating gardens is available at *www.ahs.org* and is updated frequently.

Please note: The American Horticultural Society has instituted a policy that excludes gardens located within 90 miles of one another from participating in the Reciprocal program.As a result of this new policy, PHS members are no longer eligible to receive free admission to the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania. However, Morris Arboretum has graciously offered to provide a $2 discount off admission (excludes members-only events) and a 10 percent discount on gift shop purchases (excludes the Plant Sale) to PHS members at the Household and Leadership level.

If you are an Associate level or Subscriber member and would like to receive this benefit, please call Member Services at 215-988-8776 to upgrade your membership.

Travel With Us

Gardens in Holland and Belgium

April 21 – May 2, 2008

PHS will travel to the Low Countries to visit stellar private gardens, outstanding museums, and fascinating cities. We'll stay in four-star hotels in cities and in garden settings in the countryside and enjoy private hospitality in the gardens we visit. Although most of the tour is in Holland, we'll spend two days visiting private gardens in Belgium.

We will explore the world-renowned Keukenhof, the beautiful annual bulb display by Dutch bulb growers. At Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site, we'll have a boat ride to view working windmills.

This trip will include more than tulips, windmills, and canals. Both Holland and Belgium offer outstanding gardens inspired both by centuries-old botanical heritage and design trends from other countries.

Our guide will be Beline Geertsema, a garden designer who is chair of Nederlandse Tuinenstichting, a foundation to preserve gardens with historical and cultural interest. Jean Lenehan of JL Tours and PHS staff member Betsy Gullan will accompany the group.

The Gardens of Dorset and Lower Thames Valley with Jane Pepper

June 8 – 19, 2008

PHS president Jane Pepper will lead another tour of British gardens, first in the rural coastland and chalk downs of Dorset, then in the rich lower Thames Valley in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

Dorset features a wide range of garden styles, from the sub-tropical at Abbotsbury to the architectural at Athelhampton. The Thames Valley features spacious estates such as Cliveden and West Wycombe, as well as smaller specialist and village gardens.

The PHS group will be welcomed in many private gardens for tours, lunch, and afternoon tea. We will also visit notable architectural sites in Dorset and Sherborne Abbey, along with Prince Charles's "model village" at Poundbury. Tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior, owners of the specialty Heritage Garden Tours, will join Jane in leading the group.

NOTE: Itineraries are available on the PHS website. To receive printed copies, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org.*

Photo: Bert Vermeijden

Holland

PROGRAMS AT PHS
100 N 20th STREET, PHILADELPHIA

Evening Lecture: Heirloom Dahlias—Floral Gems and Culinary Treats
Thursday, April 10, 6 pm

Author, educator, heirloom plant champion and food historian **William Woys Weaver** will treat us to an historical overview of dahlia cultivation (especially in the nineteenth century), a survey of the types of dahlias that breeders have favored, and a discussion of the dahlia's overlooked culinary qualities. He will also discuss his own attempts to "back-breed" (breeding to get back to earlier forms) heirloom dahlias to create flowers resembling long-extinct varieties.

William Woys Weaver grows more than 200 varieties of dahlias in his garden. Most of them are more than 50 years old, with some dating to Victorian and Edwardian times. He is a well-known food historian, a contributing editor to *Gourmet* and *Mother Earth News,* and an adjunct professor in food studies at Drexel University. He is also finishing his doctoral work on food tourism at University College Dublin, Ireland. **Fee: $10 members, $15 non-members.**

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments and wine.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA

Demonstration: Basic Pruning
Wednesday, April 9, 10 am – 12 noon

Pruning is a basic skill every gardener must develop. In this demonstration, which includes a walk around the grounds of Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook general manager **John Story** will offer essential and practical tips for pruning a variety of shrubs, including broad-leaf evergreens, conifers, flowering shrubs, and "cut backs." **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration and Walk: Organic Gardening Principles and Techniques
Tuesday, April 15, 10 am – 12 noon

If you're curious about organic gardening but not sure how to begin, here is your chance to discover how simple and rewarding it can be. You'll learn the compelling reasons for gardening without harmful chemicals and fertilizers. The vegetable garden at Meadowbrook Farm incorporates many organic techniques, and Meadowbrook head gardener **Glenn Ashton** will show you how he prepares the soil; composts and mulches the garden; implements integrated pest management; and applies organic disease, insect, and weed control to this extensive garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Shady Characters—Gardening in the Woodland Garden
Thursday, April 17, 10 am – 12 noon

A woodland walk in any season is a delight: from the cheerful early bulbs of spring to the cooling retreat from summer's heat to the crisp, clear fall color and winter's play of light. It takes some knowledge of trees, shrubs, light levels, and cultivation to keep a woodland garden going strong from year to year. Meadowbrook Farm sales and community relations manager **Diana K. Weiner** will demonstrate that once the basics are learned, the fun begins—adding biennials and perennials to the landscape. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Meadowbrook Farm

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden**, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Creating and Maintaining Hanging Baskets
Monday, April 7, 4:15 – 5:15 pm
Queen Memorial Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1201 S. 23rd Street

Spring Tool Time
Wednesday, April 9, 6 – 7 pm
Fitzwater 2000 Community Garden
2042-44 Fitzwater Street

Caring for Roses
Friday, April 11, 11 am – 12 noon
Perzel Community Center
2990 St. Vincent Street

Gardening for Curb Appeal
Saturday, April 12, 10 – 11 am
Awbury Garden Club, Awbury Arboretum
One Awbury Road (on Chew Ave. between Washington Lane & Haines St.)

Growing Herbs in Containers
Monday, April 14, 6 – 7 pm
Haverford Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5543 Haverford Avenue

Composting for the Urban Garden
Wednesday, April 16, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Widener Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2808 W. Lehigh Avenue

Bus Trip to Historic Pennsbury Manor
Monday, April 21, 9 am – 2 pm
Due to limited space, REGISTRATION and a $10.00 FEE are required. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
For more information and to register by Monday, April 14, please call Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Lots of Pots: Growing Vegetables
Monday, April 28, 6 – 7 pm
Haverford Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5543 Haverford Avenue

Window Boxes and other Containers
Saturday, May 3, 11 am – 12 noon
Blackwell Regional Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
125 S. 52nd Street

Perennial Plant Symposium coming to Philadelphia
July 20 – 26

The Perennial Plant Association announces its 26th Perennial Plant Symposium, to be held July 20 through 26 in Philadelphia at the Sheraton Center City Hotel. The seven-day program includes lectures, trade show, and professional tours of public and private gardens, garden centers, and nurseries. PHS will be part of the festivities with a full-day's tour of noted Philadelphia Green gardens and landscape projects.

The Perennial Plant Symposium is the only yearly program dedicated solely to perennial education for professional growers, landscapers, designers, and educators. Attendees need not be members of PPA. **For additional information, contact the Perennial Plant Association at 614-771-8431 or visit *www.perennialplant.org*.**

Photo: Bert Vermeijden

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

In collaboration with local organizations, PHS is bringing great programs to members who live outside Philadelphia.

Lehigh Valley Evening Lecture: Plant Inspirations—What's New for 2008

Monday, April 14, 7 pm
Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 Center St.
Bethlehem, PA

Find out what is new and hot for 2008! PHS and the Hardy Plant Society will jointly present a lecture by **Michael Bowell** on new plant introductions. He will talk about new treasures for your 2008 garden with a focus on perennials, trees, and shrubs being introduced this spring; information on their culture and use; and where you can find them.

Owner of Create-A-Scene, Inc. in Malvern, PA, Michael is a horticulturist specializing in garden design, installation, and maintenance in the Philadelphia and Jersey Shore areas, as well as interior gardening with exotic plants, perennials, unusual annuals, tropical and orchids. His garden has been featured in various magazines and in the book, *Eden on Their Minds*, by Starr Ockenga. Michael is best known for his bold use of color and form and for creating exciting combinations. **Fee: $10 for PHS and HPS members, $12 for non-members. Travel directions will be mailed upon program registration.**

Bus Trip: Private Gardens in York, PA

Wednesday, May 14, 7:15 am – 6:30 pm

Join us for a full day of garden visiting in York, PA. In the morning, two generous PHS members will welcome us to **Millbourne**, their amazing 50-acre private garden with something for everyone. We will see interesting garden structures; varied landscapes (including a recently planted shade garden); and plantings featuring bulbs, trees, azaleas, and early perennials. After lunch around the pool, we'll travel to another part of York to see two smaller private gardens. By 4 pm we'll board the bus for the return trip to Philadelphia.

Bus pick-up points are PHS at 7:15 am or the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park at 7:30 am. Please indicate on the reservation form where you will join the bus. **Fee: $69 for members, $79 for non-members (includes transportation, driver's tip, snacks, and lunch).**

Upper Bucks County Guided Tour: Linden Hill Nursery

Ottsville, PA
Thursday, June 5, 10 – 11:30 am

"Though hungry deer present a big challenge for Pennsylvania gardeners, you can outsmart them by choosing the right plants," says landscape designer **Jerry Fritz** of the newly installed deer-resistant garden at his nursery, Linden Hill, in Ottsville. On this tour, Jerry will discuss effective, attractive, and functional ways to discourage munching deer as we move through his garden. We'll also see his display gardens featuring unusual and cutting-edge plants.

This is a rain-or-shine event. Participants must provide their own transportation; travel directions will be sent upon registration. For those who want to spend the day in Upper Bucks County, we'll recommend places of interest and local restaurants for lunch. **Limit 30. Fee: $18 members and $23 for non-members.**

Stone Harbor, NJ, Morning Lecture: Gardening at the Seashore

June 19, 10 - 11am
Civic Club, 96th St. & the Beach

The Stone Harbor Garden Club and PHS proudly present **Michael Bowell**, who will talk about the special challenges and rewards of gardening at the shore, including timely tips on plant selection and how to tame the elements to create a lovely seaside garden. Horticulturist and garden designer Michel Bowell specializes in design, installation, and maintenance of gardens in Philadelphia and at the New Jersey Shore, and is best known for imaginative, colorful plant combinations. **Fee: $8 for PHS members and members of the Stone Harbor Garden Club, $12 for non-members.** Travel directions will be sent upon registration. Make a day of it by visiting other places of interest nearby or lunching at a local restaurant.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

Wayne, Pa

Walk: Early Spring Bulbs

Wednesday, April 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk, classroom discussion, and slide lecture will explore the cheerful, seasonal flowers of spring: "Dutch" bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald** will focus on the most rewarding spring-blooming bulbs, those that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Cool Containers—Exciting Plant Combinations for Early Spring

Thursday, April 17, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Most gardeners get itchy for a bit of green and color in early spring. But does the threat of severe temperature changes frighten you away from planting up some early spring containers? With a little creativity, there can be far more in your early-spring pots than just pansies. One can combine cold-tolerant annuals, bulbs, cut branches, perennials, and woody plants to create dynamic combinations that stand up to the season's changeable weather. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will offer ideas and inspiration during this demonstration, discussion, and tour of the early-season containers at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
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You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

Demonstration: Pruning Small Trees

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will demystify all aspects of pruning and demonstrate basic techniques for small trees. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Lift and Separate

Thursday, April 24, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Why has my iris stopped blooming? Why does my sedum have a big dead patch in the center? Maybe it's time to divide them. But with so many different plants, what's the best approach for each type? Learn the tricks of dividing and replanting to rejuvenate a variety of perennials—and increase their number, too. Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will share the best tools and techniques for separating different kinds of root systems. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs

Wednesday, April 30, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

As a complement to his small-tree pruning demonstration (on April 23), Chanticleer horticulturist Przemek Walczak will focus on practical pruning tips for shrubs. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Garden Photography Basics

Tuesday, May 6, rain date May 7, and
Tuesday, May 20, 10 am – 12 pm

Join us for a photographic walk and talk at lovely Chanticleer when the spring landscape is at its glorious peak. In this informal workshop, presented by **Ann Reed** and **Jane Ruffin,** we will concentrate on composing good garden images. We will work at visualizing the photograph and taking it in different ways and with varying points of view. We will also practice taking close-ups and using flash to advantage in landscape photography. The second session will include photo critiques.

A native of England, Jane Ruffin studied art in London and worked for a photographer for several years. In 1976 she moved with her husband and two children to Pennsylvania. Having grown up in the countryside, Jane has always had a strong interest in natural history, especially gardens and butterflies. She has been a volunteer in the entomology department at the Academy of Natural Sciences since 1985 and has been on three scientific expeditions to Africa with the Academy. Jane's award-winning photographs have been published in books and magazines. She promotes butterfly gardening and conservation throughout the country.

Ann Reed has studied photography at the International Center of Photography in New York City, the University of the Arts, and the Maine Photographic Workshop. Her writing and photography have been widely published. Her volunteer activities are many, including serving on the PHS Council and numerous committees, as well as board positions at the Morris Arboretum and Chanticleer. **Limit: 15. Fee: $40 members, $50 non-members.**

Walk: Xeriscaping

Wednesday, May 7, 6 – 8 pm

Here's one way to cope with global warming ... with hot plants! Chanticleer horticulturist **Joe Henderson** will look at great plants for hot and dry sites and show us how, with a little extra care, many plants thrive in this harsh environment. We will look mostly at sunny locales but will also discuss shade plants. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Challenging Shade

Wednesday, May 14, 6 – 8 pm

Do you have deep shade and dry soil where nothing wants to grow? Join Chanticleer's Asian Woods horticulturist **Lisa Roper** to learn what you can do to make these difficult conditions more conducive to growing great plants. While visiting some tough, shady sites at Chanticleer, Lisa will discuss soil preparation, light levels, design, planting, and maintenance. She will also address combining different textures and shades of green to create cool, calm, attractive gardens that look fresh all season. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Native Trees and Shrubs

Wednesday, May 21, 6 – 8 pm

Sometimes the answer is right under our nose. These days it seems there are too many choices in landscape plants, and the process often intimidates us. Take a walk through the gardens at Chanticleer with horticulturist **Dan Benarcik**. He will discuss native trees and shrubs that are both culturally and aesthetically suited for use in the Delaware Valley. These plants not only perform exceptionally, but they also look good in our landscapes and gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

IN THE GARDEN

Japanese Garden Principles

Saturday, May 10, 1 – 3 pm
Shofuso Japanese House and Garden, Horticulture Center, Philadelphia

Offering an overview of Japan's rich garden history as well as contemporary projects, **Harriet Henderson** will present this special lecture focusing on Japanese principles and elements. Design concepts and details with applications for American gardens in particular will be highlighted. After the lecture, we will walk to the nearby Shofuso house and garden for a tour.

Harriet Henderson is a landscape architect and architect, and she practices Asian and western design as a principal with Cushing & Henderson. She gained an in-depth knowledge of Japanese Gardens during two years in Kyoto as a recipient of the William F. Dreer Award. Harriet lectures widely about Asian gardens and teaches garden history at the Barnes Foundation. **Limit: 20. Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

2008 PHS GARDEN VISITS

Wilmington, Delaware, Sunday, May 4
Norristown and Beyond, Sunday, June 8

Wilmington, Saturday, May 10
Norristown, Sunday, June 8

12 noon – 5 pm

Special Note: The Wilmington Garden Visit, originally scheduled for Sunday, May 4, has been changed to **Saturday, May 10 from noon until 5 pm.** The Norristown Garden Visit is scheduled for Sunday, June 8 from noon until 5 pm. The cost for Garden Visits is **$10 for PHS members, $25 for members' guests**. Please note that this program is available exclusively to PHS members and their guests.

Volunteers needed for Garden Visits

Consider becoming a **volunteer for the PHS Garden Visits**. Shifts run from **11:30 am to 2:30 pm or 2 to 5 pm.** This is a great opportunity to spend a Sunday afternoon in a wonderful garden and meet fellow PHS members. Jobs include greeting and counting attendees, directing parking, and directing visitors within the garden. You may also visit the other gardens on the tour during the shift you are not working. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *cdutill@pennhort.org.*

COACH TRIP

Secret Gardens of Annapolis, Maryland

Saturday, May 31, 9:30 am – 8:30 pm

Historic Annapolis is home to exquisite private town gardens, as well as several carefully restored, eighteenth-century residential gardens of former statesmen. Our coach will take us to this charming town for a self-guided walking tour of private and public gardens open for the **annual Secret Garden Tour**, sponsored by the Hammond-Harwood House. The tour this year features the gardens of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence, formal gardens with boxwood, informal gardens brimming with perennials, and a quiet park on a busy street. All the gardens are in the historic district within easy walking distance of a range of restaurants for lunch on your own, as well as shopping, the city dock, and the Naval Academy. The Secret Garden Tour begins at 1 pm, and we will leave at 6 pm to return to Philadelphia around 8:30. Snacks will be served on the bus. **Fee: $85 PHS members, $95 non-members. Bus pickups will be at PHS, 100 N. 20th Street or the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park; please specify preferred location when you register.**

2008 Kids Grow Expo

Friday, April 25
Temple University Ambler Campus

The Kids Grow Expo is a horticultural exhibition by and for school-age children in the greater Philadelphia region. Held in partnership with Temple University's EarthFest, Kids Grow Expo is a free event that allows youngsters from all over the region to celebrate Earth Day with a number of activities and exhibits related to environmental awareness. This year's theme is "Growing Healthy." There are educational exhibits, service-learning projects, and the "Junior Flower Show" competitive classes for children. For more information about the Expo, please visit the PHS website or contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *fnarducci@pennhort.org.*

Margaret Funderburg

PHS Co-Sponsors Urban Sustainability Forum

The Urban Sustainability Forum, a partnership between PHS and several environmental organizations, presents a series of evening programs examining social and environmental conditions in Philadelphia. The Forum examines key issues with the goal of developing and promoting an action plan for making Philadelphia the greenest, most livable city in America. Upcoming topics include:

- April 17 – *Sustainable Transportation*
- May 15 – *Green Energy*
- June* 19 – *The State of the Region's Infrastructure*

All programs begin at 6:30 and are preceded by a reception at 6 pm. They are free and open to the public and are held at the **Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Ben Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia**. For more information, please visit *www.sustainablephiladelphia.com* or contact Roland Wall at 215-299-1108 or *rwall@acnatsci.org.*

2008 Spring Tree Tenders Training Courses

PHS offers **nine hours of Tree Tenders training** for residents of Philadelphia and the four surrounding Pennsylvania counties. The hands-on training, offered in partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care, fundraising, and working with local government and within your community. This course is designed for lay people and experts alike.

Over the past 15 years, Southeastern Pennsylvania has lost millions of trees. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources created **TreeVitalize**, a public-private partnership, to replenish the region's trees. You can help by becoming a Tree Tender!

Montgomery County
North Wales Elementary School Cafeteria
201 Summit Street, North Wales, PA 19454
Wednesdays, April 9, 16 & 23, 6 – 9 pm

Philadelphia County
PHS, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Wednesdays, May 7, 14, & 21, 5:45 – 8:45 pm

The course is FREE, but registration is required. Snacks are served. Given the legnth of the training and the late hours, the training is not appropriate for children under 13. To register by mail, please send us your name, address, phone number, and email address and state which training you would like to attend. **Send to: Dawn Waters, PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia PA 19103**. To register online, go to *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, click on "Tree Tenders Training," and fill in the online registration form.

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Growing Young Gardeners with Green City Youth

For hundreds of Philadelphia schoolchildren, the terms "bare-root tree" and "raised beds" are part of their everyday vocabulary, thanks to PHS's Green City Youth program.

Now in its third year, **Green City Youth** is a comprehensive youth education program that engages young people in horticultural activities and helps them appreciate the role of nature in their lives. The hands-on, service-learning curriculum, created in partnership with Delaware Valley Earth Force, encourages students to conceive and develop their own greening projects. Not only do they have a good time with these projects, but they also improve their schools and communities.

"The project has really grown and developed in exciting ways during the 2007-2008 school year," says Larry Stier, project manager for Green City Youth. "We worked with seven schools and expanded beyond Philadelphia public schools to include parochial and charter schools as well."

Students in grades kindergarten through 12th from St. Francis Xavier Elementary, Mastery Charter School-Thomas Campus, Longstreth Elementary, Bache Martin School, Wilson Public School, McKinley School, and Cook-Wissahickon School completed a variety of projects including planting sidewalk trees, creating an herb garden and a butterfly garden, and building a nature trail. In a partnership with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, students from St. Francis are completing work on an "art garden." They visited the Museum to view paintings of sunflowers and poppies by Vincent Van Gogh and are planting these flowers along a fence at their school, which is located near the Art Museum.

Larry Stier

Students at the Bache-Martin School planted window boxes.

Many Green City Youth students also exhibited in PHS's Kids Grow Expo this year. Held at Temple University's Ambler campus, the Expo is an annual, one-day environmental exhibition that draws schoolchildren from all across the region.

A new aspect of Green City Youth is a closer tie with PHS's related program, **Green City Teachers**, funded by the Burpee Foundation. The Green City Teachers training provides Philadelphia educators with the skills to integrate horticultural and environmental education into curricula, after-school programs, and service-learning projects. Now, teachers who want to apply for Green City Youth must first successfully complete the Green City Teachers training.

"By linking the two programs, we started the year with committed teachers who were already convinced that gardening is a great tool for teaching children," says community education manager Patricia Schrieber. "You can see the difference in the projects; things are really blooming."

The Green City Youth program teaches young people that trees, gardens, parks, green streetscapes, and other green spaces improve the health and well-being of their own environment, creating stewards of these open spaces for the future.

Thanks to our Funders

The Green City Youth program was launched in 2005 through a generous two-year grant from the National Recreation Foundation. The program is currently supported by the following foundations:

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The Rosenlund Family Foundation
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For information about a **challenge grant** to help support Green City Youth, please see page 4. You can also make a secure donation at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/supportphs.*

Just Announced!
Italian Theme for 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show

The landscapes and culture of Italy, which have enchanted visitors and artists for centuries, will serve as inspiration for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, *Bella Italia.* The Show will be held March 1 – 8, 2009, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The 2009 Preview Reception and Dinner will be held on February 28.

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PEPPERPOT

The Stories behind the Flower Show

The couple of weeks we spend at the Pennsylvania Convention Center during the Flower Show is a time when everything seems larger than life. The amazing displays offer a sensory experience I have never found anywhere else, and the daily happenings of our volunteers and exhibitors could fill more than a couple of books each year.

Two personal stories from this year's Show, *Jazz It Up!,* were especially touching: On the first entry day, Wistie Brown, co-chair of staging for the horticulture entries, was at her post directing her troops from a chair in the Horticourt. By the second entry day, she had produced a bouncing baby boy. On the day Wistie was at the Show, a new 1827 Society member came for her first behind-the-scenes tour. When I called in late February to thank Mr. K. for joining The 1827 Society, he told me his wife had always loved the Flower Show and wanted to visit this year "in style." In a note from him after the Show, I learned that his wife had died peacefully in her sleep the morning after her stylish Flower Show visit.

We also celebrated birthdays this year. Gerry Barad and his wife, Bea, who have exhibited beautiful succulents for many years, both turned 85 around the time of the Show. Even if they were 50 years younger, the Barads would be extraordinary exhibitors. Imagine living in North Jersey (more than 50 miles from the Convention Center) and packing up hundreds of plants on a cold winter's night to drive them to Philadelphia the next day. By the end of the week, after three entry days, Dr. Barad had entered 263 plants and gathered 2,262 sweepstakes points (second only to Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton, winner of the Mrs. Lammot du Pont Copeland Horticultural Sweepstakes with 2,928 points).

Young exhibitors were out in force this year. In addition to the wonderful bulb and trough displays by the Shipley School Sprouts, we also enjoyed plants from 10-year-old Douglas Boehme, who won a blue ribbon; his 7-year-old brother, Robert; and 19-year-old Brandon Huber, whose entries included a voodoo lily. The bloom opened up a couple of days before the Show closed—and my goodness, it did smell ghastly. Brandon told me he carried the plant to the Show nestled on a pillow with the seat belt around it to keep it in place. I hope he had the windows open on his way home.

Flower Show volunteers and exhibitors, you are an extraordinary group of people, and it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the PHS staff, to thank you for every moment of hard work you put into the Philadelphia Flower Show. You bring us wonderful ideas and marvelous displays; you bring us cheery smiles and kind words. Thank you for being part of the family, and if there's someone reading this column who has not yet joined our family of exhibitors and volunteers, we look forward to welcoming you in 2009.

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Mark your calendar for the **Spring Open House** at Meadowbrook Farm, in Abington Township, PA, on **Sunday, June 14 from 10 am to 5 pm.**

Meadowbrook offers thousands of varieties of perennials, shrubs, trees, annuals, and houseplants. Members of PHS receive 10 percent off plant purchases.

A highlight of the Open House is the opportunity to walk through Meadowbrook's formal gardens and the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. "Like so many places in and around Philadelphia, the grounds of Meadowbrook Farm have such rich history," says Diana Weiner, Meadowbrook's sales and community relations manager.

During the Open House, the expert staff at Meadowbrook will conduct demonstrations on topics such as growing begonias, planting an alpine trough, and gardening for butterflies and hummingbirds. Free refreshments (including Rita's Water Ice in the early afternoon) will be provided, along with crafts for children and a "Spin the Wheel" game with prizes. Diana says, "People should also take the time to wander through our sales area. Those who visit are bound to leave with some new favorites for the windowsill or garden."

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com
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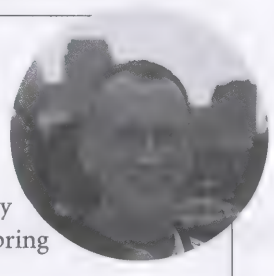
IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Stephan White



Stephan White vividly remembers what his corner of Philadelphia was like "before the garden." He's referring to The Spring Gardens, a sprawling, bountiful garden surrounded by an ornate iron fence, which occupies a full city block at 18th and Wallace streets in the city's Spring Garden neighborhood, just north of Center City.

"Our neighborhood was divided between east and west, between the haves and the have-nots," Stephan recalls. "There were even two separate civic organizations." Even worse, the neighborhood suffered from a serious drug problem, with people lined up in cars waiting to buy drugs at open-air markets. In the early 1900s, White and other neighbors formed a group called NOMAD (Neighbors Out Marching Against Drugs). They staged marches, and the Spring Garden Civic Association pressured law enforcement to crack down on the dealers. Once that was accomplished, the activists set their sights on positive changes; they began to envision a garden.

"Anti-drug efforts set the stage for the garden, and the garden set the stage for reunification of the community," says Stephan.

An architect who is responsible for the design of The Spring Gardens, Stephan is proud of the neighborhood's transformation, and he believes it is directly connected to the garden. He points to rising home prices as evidence of the area's new-found desirability. "Fifteen years ago, no one would have considered living on some of these blocks," he says. Now, neighborhood homes are fetching high prices, but Stephan emphasizes that "nobody has been chased out" as a result. "There's a strong desire to keep the current residents along with the newcomers," he notes.

The Spring Gardens has brought more than economic benefits to this urban community. It has also helped create stronger bonds among the diverse residents. "The garden is like a mini United Nations," Stephan says. "Once people realized we could coexist peacefully in the garden, that feeling spread to the rest of the community." About 180 families, including blacks, whites, Puerto Ricans, and Asians, tend plots side by side at The Spring Gardens. Together, they hold two picnics a year, as well as flea markets, plants sales, and workdays.

The Spring Gardens is one of PHS's "Keystone Gardens," large, longstanding gardens that serve as anchors for their communities. Recently, the garden joined PHS's City Harvest project, which means the gardeners set aside a plot to grow seedlings started by inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System. The resulting produce is given to needy families. During the growing season, Spring Gardens volunteers spend time each week harvesting, cleaning, and delivering the produce—about 1,200 pounds last year—to a nearby food cupboard.

In addition to serving as chairman of the garden's Steering Committee, Stephan is also a member of the PHS Council and the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board. He has helped with City Gardens Contest judging, with the Philadelphia Green exhibits at the Philadelphia Flower Show, and represents PHS as a guide for Early Morning Tours and Corporate Tours at the Show. "I thoroughly enjoy volunteering at the Show," he says. "It's a great way to make a contribution to an event that in turn helps improve our city through Philadelphia Green."

Stephan's many contributions have helped make life better in his part of Philadelphia and offer inspiration for others who believe in the power of gardening.

Parks Revitalization

Celebrating 15 Years of Transformation

On a warm July night last summer in South Philadelphia, city dwellers relaxed on blankets and beach chairs in Mario Lanza Park, munching popcorn as *The Black Stallion* flickered on an outdoor movie screen. Several blocks away, in Jefferson Square Park, people swayed to the sounds of jazz and enjoyed a cool breeze after the heat of the day.

Scenes like these were once unthinkable in Philadelphia, where for decades neighborhood parks were awash in crime, trash, and despair. But thanks to an inspiring partnership, enlightened city officials, and the hard work and commitment of hundreds of volunteers, such gatherings are now commonplace all across the city.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the **Parks Revitalization Project**, which has changed formerly dismal neighborhood parks in Philadelphia into verdant green spaces and centers of community life. Launched in 1993 with a grant from the William Penn Foundation, the Parks Revitalization Project is a partnership between PHS's Philadelphia Green program, neighborhood volunteer "friends" groups, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, and the Fairmount Park Commission.

Cities across America are beginning to recognize that investments in parks and other green spaces pay big dividends, and they have embraced greening as an essential tool for urban revitalization. Philadelphia's new mayor, Michael Nutter, has called for a significant increase in funding for city parks.

Begun with just three parks, the Parks Revitalization Project now involves nearly 90 parks. Friends groups organize workdays and events, raise funds, and interact with city representatives. Many parks have established a regular schedule of programming featuring summer concerts, movie nights, community festivals, and farmers' markets. Philadelphia Green supports these events by marketing them citywide as the *Summer in the Neighborhood series.*

Margaret Funderburg

Volunteers pose for a group photo during the 2007 Spring Into Your Park at Pretzel Park in Manayunk.

Greg Cojulon heads the Friends of Malcolm X Park, a dedicated group of people who worked tirelessly with Philadelphia Green to make their West Philadelphia park safer for the community. The park now has an active schedule of concerts and events. "We've all come a long way," says Cojulon. "People come to our events from all over the city. We've made it a park you'd be proud to bring your family to."

"The Parks Revitalization Project has truly transformed Philadelphia's neighborhood parks," says Joan Reilly, senior director for Philadelphia Green. "This partnership made the impossible possible." Philadelphia Department of Recreation parks coordinator Barbara McCabe adds, "Our common vision and positive relationship have been the keys to our success, and the Recreation Department looks forward to continued collaboration for years to come."

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City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden,** in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Window Boxes and other Containers
Saturday, May 3, 11 am – 12 noon
Blackwell Regional Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
125 S 52nd Street

Growing Roses in Containers
Monday, May 5, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Independence Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
18 S. 7th Street

Designing and Maintaining Window Boxes
Wednesday, May 7, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute, Free Library of Philadelphia
1905 Locust Street

Kitchen Garden in a Pot
Monday, May 12, 4 – 5 pm
Lillian Marrero Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
601 W. Lehigh Avenue

Herbs in Containers
Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Torresdale Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
3079 Holme Avenue

Chanticleer through the Seasons – Spring
Thursday, May 15, 4:30 – 9:00 pm
Join us for an enchanting evening at Chanticleer … A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA. Buses will leave PHS, 100 North 20th Street at 4:30 pm sharp, returning to Philadelphia by 9 pm. Please bring a light supper; snacks and refreshments will be supplied. **Registration by May 8 and a $5 fee are required.** To register, please contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Water Gardens in Small Spaces
Saturday, May 17, 10 – 11 am
Holly Street Community Garden
321-323 N. Holly Street

Growing Herbs Indoors
Tuesday, May 20, 11 am – 12 noon
Walnut Park Plaza Senior Residence
6250 Walnut Street

Invite Birds to Your Garden
Wednesday, May 21, 6 – 7 pm
Eastwick Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2851 Island Avenue

Everything You Wanted to Know About Annuals
Saturday, May 24, 2 – 3 pm
Blanche Nixon/Cobbs Creek Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5800 Cobbs Creek Parkway

Growing Fruits and Vegetables in Containers
Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
South Philadelphia Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1700 S. Broad Street

Dependable Perennials
Saturday, May 31, 2 – 3 pm
Frankford Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
4634 Frankford Avenue

Gardening with Annuals
Wednesday, June 4, 6 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

Creating Beautiful Containers in Small Spaces
Saturday, June 7, 2 – 3 pm
Wynnefield Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5325 Overbrook Avenue

Drought Tolerant Plants for the Landscape
Monday, June 9, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Holmesburg Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
7810 Frankford Avenue

PHS Gold Medal Plants
Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Holmesburg Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
7810 Frankford Avenue

Herbs 101
Saturday, June 14, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Fox Chase Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
501 Rhawn Street

Bus trip to Meadowbrook Farm
Meadowbrook, PA
Wednesday, June 18, 9 am – 3 pm
Bus will leave PHS, 100 N. 20th Street at 9 am sharp, returning to Philadelphia by 3 pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. **Registration by June 12 and a $10 fee are required.** To register, please contact Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Window Boxes and Other Containers
Monday, June 23, 6 – 7 pm
Whitman Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
200 Snyder Avenue

The Summer Vegetable Garden
Wednesday, June 25, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

The Mixed Flower Border
Saturday, June 28, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Fox Chase Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
501 Rhawn Street

Hamilton Family Foundation Awards Challenge Grant for Green City Youth Program

The Hamilton Family Foundation has awarded PHS a $10,000 challenge grant to raise funds for the Green City Youth Program. Green City Youth engages Philadelphia school students in grades K-12 in a year-long environmental education program. Green City Youth is now in its third year, and PHS is working to expand the program's funding base to ensure its ability to continue connecting students with the natural environment.

To encourage new support for the program, the Hamilton Family Foundation has awarded PHS a $10,000 challenge grant, which will be granted only if PHS can raise a matching $10,000 in new and increased gifts from other private foundations. If you know of a private foundation interested in supporting the Green City Youth program, please contact Melissa DeRuiter, PHS development director, at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*.

The Green City Youth program engages young people in horticultural activities.

The PHS Annual Fund

How You Can Make a Difference

Through its Philadelphia Green program, PHS implements thousands of urban greening projects that improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and visit Philadelphia.

As the end of our fiscal year approaches on June 30, please consider making a gift to the PHS Annual Fund. Contributions provide important unrestricted funding that supports community gardening, parks, neighborhood tree plantings, youth education, and training programs managed through Philadelphia Green.

This year, your contribution can have an even bigger impact through the Independence Foundation Challenge. PHS needs to raise $10,000 in new and increased gifts by June 30 to receive a matching grant of $5,000 from the Foundation. With your help, we can achieve this goal.

Please consider making a gift of any size to the PHS Annual Fund. Simply return the form below to PHS Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103; visit our secure website at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/supportphs*; or contact Lisa D. Bendezu, senior manager of individual giving, at 215-988-8794 or *lbendezu@pennhort.org*.

On behalf of everyone at PHS and those whose lives are touched by Philadelphia Green, thank you for your support!

INDEPENDENCE CHALLENGE FOUNDATION

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2008 PHS Annual Fund and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please accept a gift of: ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other _____

I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership

Payment Method

☐ Check enclosed (payable to PHS) OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card# _____ Expiration _____

Signature _____

Mail To: PHS Annual Fund, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/supportphs*

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

1827 Society Corner

PHS has designed exciting events and programs exclusively for members of The 1827 Society. In May, members can enjoy a hands-on workshop creating a garden trough and a field trip to private gardens in northern New Jersey. A highlight of the spring season is a party on June 1 for 1827 Society members at a private garden in Gladwyne, PA.

Invitations will be sent to 1827 Society members prior to each event. For more information about The 1827 Society and its events, please contact Lisa D. Bendezu, senior manager of individual giving, at 215-988-8794 or *lbendezu@pennhort.org*.

Joined by PHS president Jane Pepper (foreground), members of The 1827 Society enjoyed a tour of the Meadowbrook Farm greenhouses in February to learn how flowers are forced into bloom for the Flower Show.

Save with your PHS Membership Card

Your PHS membership card is your passport to savings throughout the year at the following merchants and establishments. Please present your PHS card to participating merchants before the sale is rung up on the cash register. Discounts and offers vary and do not apply to already-reduced merchandise.

PHS is grateful to the following participating merchants who offer discounts to PHS members. Discount agreements are in effect through August 2008. Restrictions may apply. For details on merchants and the discounts offered, please visit the membership page on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*.

All Occasions Flowers Ltd., Philadelphia, PA
Anthony Landscapes & Garden Center, New Hope, PA
Behmerwald Nursery, Schwenksville, PA
Boehm Home Décor & Fine Gifts, Trenton, NJ
Bountiful Acres, Holicong, PA
David Brothers Bean Road Nursery, Worcester, PA
Feeney's Nursery Inc., Feasterville, PA
Flowers by David, Langhorne, PA
Frames and Company, Newtown Square, PA
Home and Garden Culture of Longwood, Kennett Square, PA
John Denick Landscape Management Services, Reading, PA
LeRoy's Flowers, Hatboro, PA
Linden Hill Gardens/Jerry Fritz Garden Designs, Ottsville, PA
Main Line Gardens, Malvern, PA
Marano Gardens, LLC, Fort Washington, PA
Market Blooms, Philadelphia, PA
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA
Mostardi Nursery, Newtown Square, PA
Mutschlers' Florist and Rare Plants, Birdsboro, PA
New Kensington Community Development Corp. Garden Club, Philadelphia, PA
Old City Flowers, Philadelphia, PA
Parkside Orchid Nursery, Ottsville, PA
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Peter's Garden & Co., Quakertown, PA
Ponds and Gardens of Limekiln, Glenside, PA
Raritan Valley Garden Center, Somerset, NJ
Redbud Native Plant Nursery, Glen Mills, PA
Russell Gardens Wholesale, Churchville, PA
Sickles Market, Little Silver, NJ
Smith and Hawken, area stores
Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden, Franklinville, NJ
Waldor Orchids, Linwood, NJ
Wolf Run Nursery/Landscapes, Reading, PA

2008 Philadelphia Flower Show Award Winners

CENTRAL FEATURE AWARD
Lamsback Floral Decorators

MAJOR EXHIBITOR AWARDS

The PHS Flower Show Award for Best in Show
Landscape: Terrain at Styer's
Floral Design: Michael Bruce Florist
By Invitation: The Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia
Academic Educational: Delaware Valley College
Nonacademic Educational: Philadelphia Water Department
Plant Societies: Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society

The PHS Award of Merit for an Outstanding Exhibit
Academic Educational: Cabrini College
Nonacademic Educational: US EPA Region III
Plant Societies: North American Rock Garden Society, Delaware Valley Chapter

The Philadelphia Flower Show Award for an Exhibit of Distinction
Academic Educational: The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades
Nonacademic Educational: Camden City Garden Club, Inc.
Plant Societies: African Violet Society of Philadelphia

The Best Achievement Award
Landscape:
Forcing of Bulbs: Jacques Amand, The Bulb Specialists
Landscape of Distinction: Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc.
Lush Garden Retreat: J. Cugliotta Landscape/Nursery, Inc.
Rural Retreat: Kepich & Associates
Interpretation of the Flower Show Theme: Lorenz Landscape Contractors
Creating a Great Escape to Nature: Romano's Landscaping
Forced Plant Material: Stoney Bank Nurseries
Creating a Naturalistic Setting: Terrain at Styer's
Sustainable Design and Construction: ThinkGreen
Innovative Landscape Design: Waterloo Landscaping

Floral Design:
Innovative Design Concept: Michael Bruce Florist
Fanciful Floral Design: Flowers by David
Distinctive Floral Design: Robertson's Flowers
Creating a Dramatic Floral Setting: Jamie Rothstein Distinctive Floral Designs, Inc.
Imaginative Floral Design: Schaffer Designs

By Invitation:
Creating a Tranquil Destination: Tourism Ireland/Celtic Gardens
Creating an Inviting Outdoor Café: EP Henry Corp.
Making the Bayou Sing: The Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia
Use of Water in the Landscape: Ponds & Gardens of Limekiln
Dramatic Orchid Display: Waldor Orchids

FEATURE AWARDS

The Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc. Silver Trophy
Stoney Bank Nurseries for *Reflections*

Alfred M. Campbell Memorial Trophy
Terrain at Styer's for Spirit of Place, *Honoring Local Roots*

The Mayor's Trophy
Jamie Rothstein Distinctive Floral Designs, Inc. for *Inside Out*

The Governor's Trophy
Waterloo Landscaping for *Blues on the Bayou*

The Philadelphia Trophy
Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc. for *Mood Indigo*

The PHS Council Trophy
Robertson's Flowers for *Tickling the Ivories*

The Kate and Robert Bartlett, Jr. Award for the Best Use of Trees in a Landscape:
Stoney Bank Nurseries, Inc. for *Reflections*

PNC People's Choice Awards
Saturday: Terrain at Styer's
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 2nd Saturday & 2nd Sunday: Waldor Orchids
Wednesday and Thursday: Lorenz Landscape Contractors

SPECIAL PANEL AWARDS

Penn Valley Garden Club Trophy (Best in Show: Landscapes under 500 square feet)
Irwin Landscaping, Inc. for *Origin of Jazz on the Bayou*

Chicago Horticultural Society Flower Show Medal
Romano's Landscaping for *Contentment*

The Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association Trophies
Landscapes under 500 square feet:
Irwin Landscaping, Inc. for *Origin of Jazz on the Bayou*
Entryway: Mark Cordes & Family & Toni DeGeorge for *Jazz, Pizzazz & Razzmatazz*

Massachusetts Horticultural Society Gold Medal
Baker Creative for *Jazz Rocks*

The American Horticultural Society Environmental Award
Philadelphia Water Department for *Jazz Up Your Roof*

Bulkley Medal of the Garden Club of America
The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades for *Springtime in the Wetlands*

Special Achievement Awards of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania
1,000 sq. ft. and over
Conservation: Terrain at Styer's
Education: Waldor Orchids
Horticulture: Stoney Bank Nurseries, Inc.
Creativity: Schaffer Designs

Under 1,000 sq. ft.
Conservation: The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades
Education:Delaware County Technical School
Horticulture: The Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia
Creativity: Camden City Garden Club, Inc.

Men's Garden Club of Delaware Valley Trophy
Tourism Ireland/Celtic Gardens for *O Beauty, Ever Ancient, Ever New*

Society of American Florists Flower Show Award
Schaffer Designs for *Jazzed*

The Phyllis M. Craig Award
Robertson's Flowers for *Tickling the Ivories*

Marketplace Awards of the Philadelphia Flower Show

Horticulture, Large
1st: Cramer's Posie Patch
2nd: Ash's Flower Farm
3rd: Wedgewood Gardens

Horticulture, Standard
1st: Annie's Flower Farm
2nd: Greensleeves
3rd: Celestial Gardens

Home Accessories, Large
1st: Trent Gibbs Pottery
2nd: Painted Images
3rd: HISC

Home Accessories, Standard
1st: Second Nature
2nd: A Touch of Ivy
3rd: Michelle Masters Topiary

Garden Accessories, Large
1st: Sandstone Gardens,
2nd: Benchsmith,
3rd: Hobensack & Keller

Garden Accessories, Standard
1st: House About It
2nd: Haw Creek Forge
3rd: D. Landreth Seed Co.

Botanical Art, Large
1st: The James Company
2nd: Literary Calligraphy
3rd: Snow Gallery

Botanical Art, Standard
1st: Scot Schmidt Sculptures in Limestone
2nd: Danielle Ann Millican
3rd: Blooming Treasures

Jewelry
1st: Nature's Creations
2nd: Botanical Creations
3rd: Marcasite & More

PHS AWARDS

PHS Trophy (Entryways) — Tie
Mark Cordes & Family & Toni DeGeorge *and* Chester County Art Association

The PHS Awards for daily maintenance and condition
Arbors: NJ Juvenile Justice Commission
Balconies: Four Counties Garden Club
Entryways: Mark Cordes & Family & Toni DeGeorge
Tables: LePosa, Hornung and Wismer
Terraces: Cathedral Village Greenhouse Growers
Urns: Debbie Brown-Zellner and Rebecca Zellner

HORTICULTURE AWARDS

The PHS Ribbon—Best of Day, One Variety
Saturday: Dr. Gerald Barad
Tuesday: Dr. Gerald Barad
Friday: Dr. Gerald Barad

The PHS Ribbon—Best of Day, Two or More Varieties
Saturday: John Ray
Tuesday: Martha Miller
Friday: Martha Miller

PHS Orchid Award
Lois Duffin

The Emile H. Geschick Memorial Award
Lamsback Floral Decorators

American Orchid Society Show Trophy
Waldor Orchids

American Orchid Society Show Award
Jim Duffin

Balconies of the French Quarter of New Orleans were represented in the themed exhibit at the 2008 Flower Show.

2008 Philadelphia Flower Show Award Winners

Visitors enjoyed the "Dog Show" in the horticulture section of the 2008 Flower Show.

Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America Inc. Award
Saturday: Horticulture Academy at Abraham Lincoln H.S., Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton, Ann Rosenberg
Tuesday: Cecily Clark, Katherine C. Kristol, Diana S. Wister
Friday: Dr. Gerald Barad, Stephen Maciejewski, Ray Rogers

North American Rock Garden Society, Delaware Valley Chapter, Doretta Klaber Award
Betsy Ray

North American Rock Garden Society Delaware Valley Chapter Ribbons
2329 – Beverley Rowland
2340 – Clifton West
2345 – John Ray
2346 – Margaret P. Bowditch
2347 – Margaret P. Bowditch
2348 – Ann Rosenberg
2349 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2350 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2351 – Patter Peterson
2355 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2356 – Stephen Maciejewski
2358 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2360 – John Ray
2365 – John Ray
2367 – Ann & Dick Rosenberg
2790 – John Ray
3329 – Beverley Rowland
3330 – Ann Rosenberg
3335 – John Ray
3340 – Betsy Ray
3345 – John Ray
3346 – Margaret P. Bowditch
3347 – Lee Morris Raden
3348 – Margaret P. Bowditch
3349 – Dr. Gerald Barad
3350 – Jane Grushow
3355 – Dr. Gerald Barad
3858 – Dr. Gerald Barad
3360 – John Ray
3365 – John Ray
3367 – John Ray
3860 – Joan Harvey
4329 – Joan Harvey
4330 – Ann Rosenberg
4335 – Ann Rosenberg
4340 – John Ray
4345 – Margaret P. Bowditch
4346 – Margaret P. Bowditch
4347 – Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
4348 – John F. Gyer
4349 – Dr. Gerald Barad
4350 – John Ray
4355 – Betsy Ray
4356 – Margaret P. Bowditch
4358 – Dr. Gerald Barad
4360 – John Ray
4365 – John Ray
4367 – Ann & Dick Rosenberg
4790 – Ann Rosenberg
4800 – Lynn Cook & Troy Ray
4810 – Margaret P. Bowditch

Delaware Valley Daffodil Society Ribbons, for the outstanding blue ribbon winners in the Narcissus Classes
Saturday: Joan Thompson
Tuesday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
Friday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton

PHS Ribbons for the outstanding blue ribbon winners in the Bulb Section
Saturday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
Tuesday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
Friday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton

American Primrose Society Award, Doretta Klaber Chapter Ribbons
2330 – Ann Rosenberg
2335 – John Ray
3330 – Ann Rosenberg
3335 – John Ray
4330 – Ann Rosenberg
4335 – Ann Rosenberg

Far Out Cactus Trophy
Dr. Gerald Barad

Meadowbrook Farm Indoor Gardening Trophy
Judy Sheppard

The Edith Wilder Scott Award
Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton

Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society Ribbons
2205 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2302 – Stephen Maciejewski
2670 – Dr. Gerald Barad
2690B – Dr. Gerald Barad
3202 – Dr. Gerald Barad (2 ribbons)
3235 – Dr. Gerald Barad
3550 – Sylvia R. Lin
4205 – Sylvia R. Lin
4222 – Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
4250 – Ray Rogers
4550 – Sylvia R. Lin
Philadelphia Water Department

The Susie Walker Award (Outstanding Begonia Entry)
Saturday: Diana S. Wister
Tuesday: Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton
Friday: Sylvia R. Lin

The Gesneriad Society Liberty Bell Chapter Ribbons (outstanding flowering gesneriad)
Tuesday: Lynn Cook and Troy Ray
Friday: Lynn Cook and Troy Ray

The Gesneriad Society Liberty Bell Chapter Ribbons (outstanding grown-for-foliage gesneriad)
Tuesday: Charlene Marietti
Friday: Stephen Maciejewski

ARTISTIC AWARDS & OTHER AWARDS

The Garden Club of America Certificate of Excellence
Greene Countrie Garden Club

Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (Niche Classes)
Saturday: Gretchen Riley
Monday: Allison Romig and Colleen Wurts
Wednesday: Judy Huffaker and Louise Heilig
Friday: Jane Godshalk and Cres Motzi

Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (Miniature Arrangements)
Saturday: Susan Bunkin
Wednesday: Leslie Purple and Alice Farley

Blue and Gold Ribbon of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (Costumes, Hanging Designs & Pedestals)
Saturday: Jane Good and Anna Cooke Smith
Monday: Anne F. Hayes
Wednesday: Cecelia Millea
Friday: Carol Critchlow and Carol Lipson

PHS Trophy (Miniature Arrangements):
Susan Bunkin

PHS Trophy (Pressed Plant Materials)
Reiko Ono

PHS Trophy (Miniature Settings)
Irene Sobotinic

Jack Kellmer Company Award (Tables)
Greene Countrie Garden Club

Delaware Valley Florist Association Trophy (Tables)
Old Eagle Garden Club

Nancy Reid Clausen Award donated by the Chestnut Hill Garden Club (Medium Niches):
Judith Huffaker and Louise Heilig

The Carolyn Waite Award presented by the Huntingdon Valley Garden Club (Small Niches):
Gretchen Riley

The Helen Hope Dechert Award presented by The Planters (Small and Medium Niches):
Judith Huffaker and Louise Heilig

PHS Costume Award
Cecelia Millia

PHS Pedestal Award:
Susanna Baum

PHS Hanging Design Award:
Linda Tors

PHS Trophy (Designs for Jewelry)
Anne Scott

PHS Award (Balconies)
Helen Arabskyj

PHS Award (Urns)
Random Garden Club

PHS Award (Window Boxes & Lamp Posts)
The Garden Workers

PHS Trophy (Terraces)
The Siblings

PHS Trophy (Arbors)
Abington Senior High School

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

Mrs. Lammot du Pont Copeland Horticultural Sweepstakes Trophy:
Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton

The Hamilton Greenhouse Award for the runner-up in the individual Horticulture Classes Sweepstakes:
Dr. Gerald Barad

PHS Award for the garden club or horticultural organization accumulating the greatest number of points in the Horticulture Classes:
Winner: The Philadelphia Cactus & Succulent Society
Runner-up: Wissahickon Garden Club

Sarah C. Z. Groome Award to the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in selected Artistic Classes:
Winner: Maria T. Jacobs
Runner-up: Tanti Lina

The Rosemarie P. Vassalluzzo Artistic Sweepstakes Trophy:
Winner: Wissahickon Garden Club
Runner-up: Old Eagle Garden Club

Margaret Buckley Zantzinger Award:
Winner: Wissahickon Garden Club
Runner-up: The Garden Club of Philadelphia

The PHS Grand Sweepstakes Trophy for the individual accumulating the greatest number of points in all competitive sections of the Show:
Lynn Cook and Troy Ray

Flower Show Impact on New Orleans

The 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show reveled in the culture of New Orleans—its gardens and landscapes, music and spirit. The Show also helped bring attention to the ongoing needs of the city in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

An information booth provided by PHS and hosted by the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau attracted "countless" Flower Show visitors, according to Mary Beth Romig, the bureau's communications director.

"We were able to get great exposure for our city," Romig said. "And people asked really great questions about New Orleans and how things are going. Anytime we have the opportunity to talk to people about how New Orleans is doing, it gives us a chance to dispel misconceptions about the city. That's why the theme centered around the beautiful side of our city, and having a chance to be at the Show was so great."

The healing of New Orleans continues, steadily but slowly. We hope visitors to the Flower Show who enjoyed a taste of the Big Easy will travel there soon to support its economic recovery.

- Alan Jaffe

The New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted an information booth at the 2008 Flower Show.

Volunteer with Gardens for NOLA

Gardens for New Orleans, a mission project of the West Concord Union Church in Concord, Massachusetts, has planned a trip, **November 9 through 15**, for volunteers who would like to help restore outdoor spaces damaged by Katrina for New Orleans property owners. For information about the organization and the trip, please visit *www.westconcordunionchurch.org*.

PHS Joins Citywide Cleanup

On April 5, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter led the citywide **Philly Spring Cleanup**, part of his ongoing "Love Where You Live" anti-litter campaign. The event brought together thousands of Philadelphians, united by the desire to spruce up public spaces and instill neighborhood pride.

On that day, PHS collaborated with UC Green, about 200 volunteers, and the American Cities Foundation to plant more than 80 trees around the 48th and Woodland Playground and Recreation Center in Southwest Philadelphia.

Mayor Nutter, who has pledged to make Philadelphia one of the cleanest and greenest cities in America, said, "Today is about cleaning up, it's also about more than that. It's really about community-building and all of us working together—this wonderful spirit in Philadelphia."

This spring PHS is partnering with the City to host a series of workshops about outdoor container gardening (through May 22) for block captains and greening activists. These local leaders then pass on their new-found knowledge on window boxes, urns, and barrel planters to neighbors. The 2008 PHS City Gardening Contest will award special prizes for containers created through this project.

"The Philly Spring Cleanup is a brilliant way to kick off an entire season of greening activities," says Joan Reilly, Philadelphia Green senior director. "We hope Philadelphians heed the call to action and become involved in volunteer projects throughout the spring, summer, and beyond."

For information about workshops, please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducc@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897.
To learn how to get involved with other PHS activities, including gardening workdays at public sites in the city, please visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*.

2008 Community Greening Awards

Co-sponsored by PHS and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, the Community Greening Awards recognize neighborhood and civic groups, garden clubs, businesses, and municipalities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware who have made a difference in their communities by planting and maintaining quality public spaces. Nominations will be accepted for public parks, main street planters, church gardens, train stations, municipal grounds, and other public plantings outside the Philadelphia city limits.

To qualify, a garden space must serve as a community amenity and must be open to the public free of charge. If you know of a public space planting in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or Delaware that should be recognized by PHS, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or email *specialevents@pennhort.org*. **The deadline for nominations is June 30, 2008.**

2008 City Gardens Contest Contestants and Volunteers wanted

Since 1975, the PHS City Gardens Contest has celebrated the efforts of city gardeners who transform urban plots in Philadelphia into flowering green havens. The City Gardens Contest attracts entries of all sizes and types, from tiny tucked-away spaces to enormous community gardens, tended by people of all backgrounds. The contest is open to Philadelphia residents and is judged by volunteers.

To enter your garden, please complete and return the entry form by June 10, 2008. Winners receive $50, $25, and $10 gift certificates, as well as a one-year PHS membership.

Volunteer judging teams are needed to visit gardens and evaluate them for the contest. **To volunteer as a judge or for more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *specialevents@pennhort.org*.**
(Note: you do not have to be a Philadelphia resident to serve as a judge.)

City Gardens Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address of garden: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____

Check appropriate category:

- ☐ Individual Gardens
- ☐ Individual Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Flower Garden
- ☐ Combination Flower/Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Container Garden
- ☐ Child's Garden
- ☐ Community Gardens
- ☐ Community Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Community Flower/Sitting Garden
- ☐ Combination Vegetable/Flower Garden
- ☐ Children's Garden
- ☐ "Garden Block" with window boxes and sidewalk planters
- ☐ "The Greenest Block in Town" (street trees/front yards)

Return to: PHS, City Gardens Contest, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

In collaboration with local organizations, PHS is bringing great programs to members who live outside Philadelphia.

Bus Trip: Private Gardens in York, PA

Wednesday, May 14, 7:15 am – 6:30 pm

Join us for a full day of garden visiting in York, PA. In the morning, two generous PHS members will welcome us to **Millbourne**, their amazing 50-acre private garden with something for everyone. We will see interesting garden structures; varied landscapes (including a recently planted shade garden); and plantings featuring bulbs, trees, azaleas, and early perennials. After lunch around the pool, we'll travel to another part of York to see two smaller private gardens. By 4 pm we'll board the bus for the return trip to Philadelphia.

Bus pick-up points are PHS at 7:15 am or the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park at 7:30 am. Please indicate on the reservation form where you will join the bus. **Fee: $69 members, $79 non-members (includes transportation, driver's tip, snacks, and lunch).**

Upper Bucks County Guided Tour: Linden Hill Nursery

Ottsville, PA
Thursday, June 5, 10 – 11:30 am

"Though hungry deer present a big challenge for Pennsylvania gardeners, you can outsmart them by choosing the right plants," says landscape designer **Jerry Fritz** of the newly installed deer-resistant garden at his nursery, Linden Hill, in Ottsville. On this tour, Jerry will discuss effective, attractive, and functional ways to discourage munching deer as we move through his garden. We'll also see his display gardens featuring unusual and cutting-edge plants.

This is a rain-or-shine event. Participants must provide their own transportation; travel directions will be sent upon registration. For those who want to spend the day in Upper Bucks County, we'll recommend places of interest and local restaurants. **Limit 30. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Stone Harbor, NJ, Morning Lecture: Gardening at the Seashore

June 19, 10 - 11am
Civic Club, 96th St. & the Beach

The Stone Harbor Garden Club and PHS proudly present **Michael Bowell**, who will talk about the special challenges and rewards of gardening at the shore, including timely tips on plant selection and how to tame the elements to create a lovely seaside garden. Horticulturist and garden designer Michael Bowell specializes in design, installation, and maintenance of gardens in Philadelphia and at the New Jersey Shore, and is best known for imaginative, colorful plant combinations. **Fee: $8 for PHS members and members of the Stone Harbor Garden Club, $12 for non-members.** Travel directions will be sent upon registration. We can recommend other places of interest nearby and restaurants.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

Wayne, Pa

Workshop: Garden Photography Basics

Tuesday, May 6, rain date May 7, and
Tuesday, May 20, 10 am – 12 pm

Join us for a photographic walk and talk at lovely Chanticleer when the spring landscape is at its glorious peak. In this informal workshop, presented by **Ann Reed** and **Jane Ruffin,** we will concentrate on composing good garden images. We will work at visualizing the photograph and taking it in different ways and with varying points of view. We will also practice taking close-ups and using flash in landscape photography. The second session will include photo critiques.

A native of England, Jane Ruffin studied art in London and worked for a photographer for several years. In 1976 she moved with her husband and two children to Pennsylvania. A volunteer in the entomology department at the Academy of Natural Sciences since 1985, she has been on three scientific expeditions to Africa. Jane's award-winning photographs have been published in books and magazines. She promotes butterfly gardening and conservation throughout the country.

Ann Reed has studied photography at the International Center of Photography in New York City, the University of the Arts, and the Maine Photographic Workshop. Her writing and photography have been widely published. Her volunteer activities are many, including serving on the PHS Council and numerous committees, as well as board positions at the Morris Arboretum and Chanticleer. **Limit: 15. Fee: $40 members, $50 non-members.**

Walk: Xeriscaping

Wednesday, May 7, 6 – 8 pm

Here's one way to cope with global warming ... with hot plants! Chanticleer horticulturist **Joe Henderson** will look at great plants for hot and dry sites and show us how, with a little extra care, many plants thrive in this harsh environment. We will look mostly at sunny locales but will also discuss shade plants. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Challenging Shade

Wednesday, May 14, 6 – 8 pm

Do you have deep shade and dry soil where nothing wants to grow? Join Chanticleer's Asian Woods horticulturist **Lisa Roper** to learn what you can do to make these difficult conditions more conducive to growing great plants. While visiting some tough, shady sites at Chanticleer, Lisa will discuss soil preparation, light levels, design, planting, and maintenance. She will also address combining different textures and shades of green to create cool, calm, attractive gardens that look fresh all season. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Native Trees and Shrubs

Wednesday, May 21, 6 – 8 pm

Sometimes the answer is right under our noses. These days it seems there are too many choices in landscape plants, and the selection process often intimidates us. Take a walk through the gardens at Chanticleer with horticulturist **Dan Benarcik.** He will discuss native trees and shrubs that are both culturally and aesthetically suited for use in the Delaware Valley. These plants not only perform exceptionally well, but they also look good in our landscapes and gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Native Plants

Thursday, June 5, 6 – 8 pm

Uniquely adapted to local growing conditions, native plants are among the most rewarding plants you can grow. While they have become increasingly popular over the last decade, natives remain unfamiliar to some gardeners. Come and gain a new appreciation of their offerings as we tour Chanticleer with horticulturist **Joe Henderson**. He will discuss lesser-known to more common natives and suggest how to best use them in the landscape. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Sensational Summer Containers

Wednesday, June 11, 6 – 8 pm

Container gardening at Chanticleer goes way beyond the ordinary, mingling annual, perennial, tropical, and subtropical plants in vibrant, highly creative combinations. **Dan Benarcik** will discuss how to create successful container gardens and will offer suggestions for appealing plant combinations. He'll also talk about cultural concerns such as soil mixes, watering, and fertilization. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Screening Plants

Wednesday, June 18, 6 – 8 pm

Good fences make good neighbors, as the saying goes. But a well-designed group of interesting plants can provide a more creative and friendlier way to hide an undesirable view. In this walk with Chanticleer horticulturist **Peter Brindle**, you'll see a variety of plants that can define spaces and lend structure to the garden. Peter will discuss the characteristics of the plants used as hedges and screens and offer tips on selecting the best ones for your landscape. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

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Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

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For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

Botany for Beginners
Wednesday, July 9, 6 – 8 pm

Have you ever wondered how lilies differ from daylilies and how they are related, or why abutilon is related to rose-of Sharon? Using Chanticleer's flower gardens as our laboratory, **Robert Herald** will discuss basic facts of plant morphology and how this relates to classification and identification. During this hands-on class, we will learn how to look at garden plants with a botanist's eye. Leaf shapes and arrangement, plant habit, and flower parts will be investigated using simple terms and explanations. This class is ideal for gardeners who want to gain a deeper understanding of plants. The evening will conclude with the identification of a variety of garden plants using a botanical key. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

House and Garden
Wednesday, July 16, 6 – 8 pm

Built in 1913, Chanticleer was part of the Country Place Era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many businessmen and industrialists built expansive country estates away from the noise and congestion of cities. Designed initially as a summer home close to railroad transportation from Philadelphia, the house was enlarged in 1924 to become a year-round residence. This tour will include the ground floor of the main house with an emphasis on the relationship of the house to the greater landscape. We will learn about house contents and family history from archivist **Anne Sims**, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss the gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Line, Color, Form, and Hot New Plants
Wednesday, July 30, 6 – 8 pm

What makes a plant attractive? Is it the architecture, the effect it creates in the garden, the emotion the colors induce, or all of the above? Join horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** as we stroll through the gardens looking at what the Chanticleer staff does best: grows and displays new plants and innovative plant combinations. Dan will emphasize plants with interesting lines, texture, and color—both hardy and tender—that are suitable for Delaware Valley gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Summer Bulbs, Highlights of the Garden
Thursday, July 31, 6 – 8 pm

Lilies and gladiolus are staples in many summer gardens, but for the adventurous gardener there are many other exiting bulbous plants than can add that extra touch. Why not try a dahlia or an elephant ear to fill those holes left on your perennial border when early spring ephemerals disappear? How about a growing an Aztec lily, a pineapple lily, or a lily that climbs up through non-blooming shrubs? These are not your ordinary bulbs! Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** on a walk through the garden with a focus on summer bulbs and how to use them creatively in your garden. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
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Sunday Strolls Through the Garden
Sundays, 10:30 – 11 am, through June 15

Bring your mug of coffee or tea and take a short, informative, and entertaining walk through the Meadowbrook Farm demonstration gardens to see classic designs, as well as what is new and hot for this year. Led by **Diana K. Weiner**, these impromptu strolls meet at 10:30 in the parking lot before the shop opens to the public. **Free. Registration is not required.**

Workshop: Succulent Garden in a Pot
Tuesday, June 3, 10 am – 12 noon

The hottest trend in container gardening today is collections of plants for use as decorative pieces indoors or out, year-round. Low-maintenance succulents offer a broad palette of shapes, colors, and sizes and are spectacular and easy to maintain. **Diana K. Weiner** will provide tips for maintenance as you create your own succulent garden in a pot. **Limit: 20. Fee: $55 members, $65 non-members (includes plants and pot).**

Workshop: Contain Yourself: Planting Patio Pots for Sun or Shade
Thursday, June 5, 10 am – 12 noon

Meadowbrook Farm's patio pots are renowned for their style, grace, and striking plant combinations. This beginner's how-to course focuses on formal and informal planting techniques for sun or shade containers. Under the expert guidance of horticulturist **Diana K. Weiner,** you will create and bring home your own unique combinations of interesting flowering plants, in a decorative 14-inch container, to enjoy all summer. **Limit 20. Fee: $55 members, $65 non-members (includes plants and container).**

Workshop: Bog Garden in a Pot
Wednesday, June 11, 10 am – 12 noon

Focusing on the cultivation of plants that love wet feet, **Diana K. Weiner** will share her experience growing pitcher plants, reeds, and irises in containers. In this hands-on workshop, you will create fully hardy novelty combo pots suitable for small gardens or patios. The fee includes a 14-inch container, planting medium, and three plants. Decorative containers and additional plants will also be available for purchase. **Limit 20. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

Tour: The Legacy of Liddon Pennock
Wednesday, July 16, 10 – 11:30 am OR 1 – 2:30 pm (please indicate preferred time)

This in-depth tour of Meadowbrook Farm's noted Robert McGoodwin-designed estate will include an expanded discussion on the style of J. Liddon Pennock, who was influenced by the eighteenth-century designer, Robert Adam. **Diana K. Weiner** will lead us through the interiors and discuss how Mr. and Mrs. Pennock lived, and **Ted Zoltowski** will show us how the gardens radiating from the house relate to the site lines and encompass the aesthetic principles of Mr. Pennock. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Planting Your Garden for Hummingbirds and Butterflies
Wednesday, July 30, 10 am – 12 noon

Spend a lovely morning in late July walking around the gardens of Meadowbrook Farm with head gardener **Glenn Ashton**, learning which plants attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Glenn will share tips on what to plant for larval and adult butterflies and how to keep the hummingbirds around all summer long. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

WORKSHOPS

Botanical Illustration: Painting Roses in Watercolor at Wyck
Monday and Tuesday, June 9 and 10, 10 am – 3 pm
Wyck, Germantown

Spend two lovely days in June painting roses from living examples in the enchanting rose gardens at the National Historic Landmark house and garden, Wyck. Taught by **Eileen Rosen**, this workshop will emphasize accurate drawing and color and will include demonstrations of specific watercolor techniques. All levels of experience are welcome.

Located in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, Wyck has been associated with glorious roses for nearly 200 years, since Jane Bowne Haines sketched out the formal plan and listed roses in her garden book in the 1820s. Old roses bloom just once in late May and early June. Among the oldest are the apothecary rose, dating from the 1st century A.D., and Rosa mundi, a striped rose. Both offer glorious scents and abundant blooms.

Directions and a materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed with registration confirmation. Wyck offers convenient street parking, lunch refrigeration, indoor drawing space, outdoor shade, and modern restrooms.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Limit: 10. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**

Botanical Illustration: Miniature Garden Portraits in Colored Pencil
Six Mondays, June 23 – July 28, 10 am – 1 pm
PHS Classroom, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia

Create a charming, intimate "portrait" of a garden you love. In this workshop, taught by **Eileen Rosen**, you will begin by learning and practicing specific colored-pencil techniques, then learn to reduce and eliminate extraneous details of the larger landscape. All levels of experience are welcome. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. **Limit: 15. Fee: $160 members, $180 non-members.**

COACH TOURS

Secret Gardens of Annapolis, Maryland
Saturday, May 31, 9:30 am – 8:30 pm

Historic Annapolis is home to exquisite private town gardens, as well as several carefully restored, eighteenth-century residential gardens of former statesmen. Our coach will take us to this charming town for a self-guided walking tour of private and public gardens open for the **annual Secret Garden Tour**, sponsored by the Hammond-Harwood House. The tour this year features the gardens of Maryland's four signers of the Declaration of Independence, formal gardens with boxwood, informal gardens brimming with perennials, and a quiet park on a busy street. All the gardens are in the historic district within easy walking distance of a range of restaurants for lunch on your own, as well as shopping, the city dock, and the Naval Academy. The Secret Garden Tour begins at 1 pm, and we will leave at 6 pm to return to Philadelphia around 8:30. Snacks will be served on the bus. **Fee: $85 PHS members, $95 non-members. Bus pickups will be at PHS (9:45), 100 N. 20th Street or the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park (9:30); please specify preferred location when you register.**

Nemours and Winterthur
Tuesday, June 17, 10 am – 5 pm
Wilmington and Winterthur, Delaware

Spend a day with us in the Brandywine Valley exploring the great garden legacies of two du Pont families with very different styles.

Our first stop is **Nemours Mansion & Gardens**, the former home of Alfred I. du Pont (1864-1935), founder of the Nemours Foundation, one of the nation's largest children's health systems. Originally constructed in 1910, the mansion is one of the grandest buildings in Delaware, including more than 70 rooms. The 222 verdant acres that surround the mansion are modeled on Le Petit Trianon at Versailles and include the largest formal French garden in North America, featuring fountains, reflecting ponds, vistas, sculpture, parterres and a huge fleur-de-lis jardin. The mansion and gardens have undergone a $39 million restoration over the last three years, utilizing world-class conservators and craftspeople whose work included excavation, landscaping, draining and repairing the 800,000-gallon reflecting pool, and extensive refurbishment in the mansion. Our tour will include the house and grounds.

After Nemours we will travel to **Winterthur** for a late lunch on our own, followed by a guided walking tour of the grounds. The 1,000-acre Winterthur property encompasses rolling hills, streams, meadows, and forests. Founder Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969) developed an appreciation of nature as a boy, which served as the basis for his life's work in the garden. He selected the choicest plants from around the world to enhance the natural setting, arranging them in lyrical color combinations and carefully orchestrating a succession of bloom from late January to November. Mr. du Pont translated his love of the land into a unified work of art that embodies a romantic vision of nature's beauty.

Coach pickups will be available at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, or at PHS at 20th and Arch Streets. Limit: 34. Fee: $80 members, $90 non-members, includes coach, snacks on the bus, and guided tours.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

IN THE GARDEN

Japanese Garden Principles

Saturday, May 10, 1 – 3 pm
Shofuso Japanese House and Garden, Horticulture Center, Philadelphia

Offering an overview of Japan's rich garden history as well as contemporary projects, **Harriet Henderson** will present this special lecture focusing on Japanese principles and elements. Design concepts and details with applications for American gardens in particular will be highlighted. After the lecture, we will walk to the nearby Shofuso house and garden for a tour.

Harriet Henderson is a landscape architect and architect who practices Asian and western design as a principal with Cushing & Henderson. Harriet lectures widely about Asian gardens and teaches garden history at the Barnes Foundation. **Limit: 20. Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

Andalusia

Bucks County, PA
Tuesday, July 8, 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Located just 13 miles upstream from central Philadelphia on the picturesque banks of the Delaware River, Andalusia was the **country estate of the Craig and Biddle families** for more than 200 years. The Greek revival house is furnished in a variety of American period styles, and has been left as intact as possible to show how the family lived. The grounds feature a partially restored grapery dating to the mid nineteenth century, when the family established a commercial grape venture; a grotto built as a Gothic ruin in the 1830s; a walled garden brimming with heirloom and hybrid tea roses; perennial beds; a dog cemetery; and a lovely river walk along the Delaware. Our guided tours will include the house and gardens, and you are free to bring a lunch to enjoy on the grounds afterward. Directions will be mailed with your registration confirmation. **Limit: 30. Fee: $28 members, $35 non-members.**

Norris Square Neighborhood Project Celebrates 35th Anniversary

The Norris Square Neighborhood Project celebrates its 35th Anniversary this year. Since 1973, Norris Square Neighborhood Project has blended horticulture and culture through culturally-themed gardening and environmental education. PHS has a long connection to the Norris Square organization and has partnered with NSNP throughout the years to help develop and support its gardens.

An anniversary celebration will take place on **Saturday, June 28.** Take a tour of the award-winning gardens, including Las Parcelas and El Colobó, a recreated African Village, from 4 to 5 pm. Then, enjoy dinner, music, and entertainment from 5 to 8 pm. Tickets are available on a sliding scale from $50 to $75. **For tickets and more information, please call 215-634-2227 or visit** *www.nsnp.com.*

Woody Plant Conference

Friday, July 18, 2008
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

The 2008 Woody Plant Conference includes lectures on distinctive and reliable trees and shrubs, history and uses of roses, the process of bringing wild-collected plants to market, new woody plants for colder climates, Lyme disease in Pennsylvania, and more.

Speakers include **John Elsley**, director of horticulture at Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm; **Linda Guy**, director of new product development at Carolina Nurseries in South Carolina; garden designer and author **Sean B. Hogan**, who specializes in appropriate plants for the Pacific Northwest; entomologist and Lyme Disease expert **Steve Jacobs**; renowned freelance plantsman, writer, author, lecturer and plant explorer **Roy Lancaster**; and **Stephen Scanniello**, who is best known for transforming the Cranford Rose Garden of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden into one of the world's most acclaimed rose gardens.

2008 PHS Garden Visits

Wilmington, Saturday, May 10
Norristown, Sunday, June 8
12 noon – 5 pm

The cost for Garden Visits is **$10 for PHS members, $25 for members' guests (each day)**. Please note that this program is available exclusively to PHS members and their guests. **Please use the registration form on page 8 to sign up.**

The Woody Plants Conference is co-sponsored by PHS, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum. The conference includes lunch and tours of Swarthmore's Scott Arboretum.

To register for this all-day event, **please call the continuing education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507.** For more information, visit *www.woodyplantsconference.org.*

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Spring Happenings

On April 26, 1,900 volunteers, including 500 children, hauled away 2,000 bags of trash, planted 55 trees and 2,000 flowering plants, cleared graffiti from 72 sites, and participated in 79 painting projects. The mammoth effort was part of PHS's annual **Spring into Your Park** event that engages local residents, park volunteer groups, and staff from the City's Department of Recreation and Fairmount Park to improve dozens of city parks throughout Philadelphia.

As part of the festivities, PHS, along with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, celebrated the completion of a four-year goal to plant 20,000 trees throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania as part of TreeVitalize. The ceremonial tree planting was held in West Philadelphia's Muhammed Park.

This year's event was recognized as an official component of the City's *Love Where You Live!* beautification campaign and also received support from the William Penn Foundation, Great PA Cleanup, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Whole Foods Market, and 98.1 WOGL.

City Hall was the site of another volunteer effort, **City Hall in Bloom**, PHS's annual event to spruce up the courtyards and plantings in and around one of Philadelphia's most treasured historic landmarks. Three hundred employees from event sponsor **KPMG LLP** transformed the area with more than 9,000 annuals and worked alongside PHS staff and volunteers; Fairmount Park staff; and 40 students from the nearby Bache-Martin Elementary School, who have been a part of this event for several years. In citing KPMG's contribution, Mayor Michael Nutter proclaimed the event a great example of volunteerism at its best.

Margaret Funderburg

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter helped children from Bache-Martin Elementary School plant annuals during City Hall in Bloom.

Pete Prown

More than 6,000 children participated in PHS's Kids Grow Expo on Earth Day in April.

Margaret Funderburg

City and state officials planted the 20,000th TreeVitalize tree at Muhammed Park in West Philadelphia.

More than 6,000 youngsters came together this spring at PHS's **Kids Grow Expo**, held on the Ambler campus of Temple University, to celebrate Earth Day. This year's Expo drew school groups not only from Philadelphia and surrounding communities, but also from as far away as Chester County, New Jersey, and Delaware. The students enjoyed the many horticultural and environmental exhibits and activities during the day-long event, which is open free of charge to the public. Children also displayed their own nature-inspired creations for the Junior Flower Show at the Expo.

Volunteers at Spring Into Your Park at Ned Wolf Park in Mount Airy.

PHS Members' Day
Saturday, September 13, 2008

Mark your calendar and save the date for PHS Members' Day on Saturday, September 13 from 11 am to 4 pm at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

The **Annual Plant Dividend**, a benefit of membership, will be held in a large tent, offering thousands of plants to choose from. You'll need your membership card to enter the tent, so be sure to bring it along. Choose from an amazing array of perennials, trees, shrubs, and houseplants. Household and Leadership-level members may select up to three plants; to Associate members we offer one plant.

Members' Day offers something for everyone, including a marketplace; children's activities; horticultural presentations; tours of the Navy Yard; plant societies offering horticultural information; refreshments; and the PHS auction, featuring unique items from past Flower Shows. New members and members who renew that day will receive a gift for the garden.

So, save the date and plan to bring family, friends, and neighbors for a fun-filled Members' Day. Watch for more details in the next issue of *PHS News*.

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PEPPERPOT

Spring in the Garden

By the time you read this it will be high summer, but as I write it's late April. Since it's too cold to bike up the Perkiomen Trail (where the Virginia bluebells were gorgeous last weekend), I have spent the whole day in my garden. As I weeded and mulched, I thought about the pleasures of this particular time of year. Last week it was 80 degrees; today it's more than 30 degrees cooler and it rained last night. It was a measly quarter of an inch, but it's so much easier to pull out those pesky garlic shoots once the soil is a little softer.

My garden has two enemies (besides my shortage of time). First on the list is the local deer herd, and a close second is Angus and Paris, my pair of poodles who love to dig. For others who suffer from deer, I wanted to let you know which plants are looking their best right now. Among shrubs, boxwood seems to thrive, so I have upright and spreading forms. Spirea is another sturdy survivor, and this spring *Spirea thunbergii* 'Ogon' Mellow Yellow* has been especially beautiful with its white flowers and chartreuse leaves. Also, I recently tore out some very old *Spirea japonica* 'Alpina' and replaced them with five of the same variety, because the deer never touch this plant. It does well on the east-facing side of the house under the roof overhang where the soil is always so dry. Another tough plant is slender deutzia. I have both the species and the lower-growing variety, *Deutzia gracilis* Nikko*, which grows into a mound 18 to 24 inches tall. As April turns to May, the white flowers are about to come out. Other shrubs that look good at this time of year are fothergilla (*Fothergilla gardenia* 'Blue Mist'*) and soon-to-bloom 'Miss Kim' lilac.

When it comes to deer-resistant perennials, my hands-down favorite for April bloom is *Euphorbia myrsinites.* Its flowers are yellow-chartreuse, and the leaves are gray-green. I like its habit of seeding (gently, never aggressively) around the garden in unexpected places. The hellebores I planted a couple of years ago had their best blooms yet earlier this year and they, too, are starting to spread under the lacebark pine, mixing well with blue-flowered brunnera. Its leaves are so tough and prickly I am not surprised deer avoid it.

Tools were also on my mind as I moved around the garden that day. Despite the rain the night before, I had the hoses running and was delighted with my new Dramm sprinkler, which seems very durable. For watering, Gardena wands are another essential in my garden, as is my cobra-head weeder (*www.cobrahead.com*), the perfect tool for crabgrass, dandelions, and other challenges all over the garden.

There's nothing like spending a spring day in the garden. In fact, now that I've finished writing this column, I'll be heading back outside to see what Angus and Paris have dup up while I was inside.

* PHS Gold Medal Plants (*www.goldmedalplants.org*)

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Meadowbrook Farm is a great place to boost your gardening IQ. Throughout the year, the Meadowbrook staff conducts workshops, demonstrations, and other programs on a range of topics—all at a discounted rate to PHS members.

On July 16, PHS presents "The Legacy of Liddon Pennock," a tour of the Meadowbrook estate and gardens. Diana K. Weiner, sales and community relations manager at Meadowbrook, will lead the outing. She promises that there will be a lot of surprises: "We have a new estate gardener, Tom Reber, who is a recent graduate of the Longwood Professional Gardener program. Tom has given the gardens a shot of adrenaline!"

Later in the month, on July 30, Meadowbrook's head gardener, Glenn Ashton, will conduct a demonstration on attracting hummingbirds and butterflies to your garden. Glenn says that with the right selection of plants, your flower bed can be bustling with activity all summer long.

A complete list of upcoming events at Meadowbrook Farm is on page 7. When you go, please bring the coupon at right for additional savings at the gift shop and outdoor sales area.

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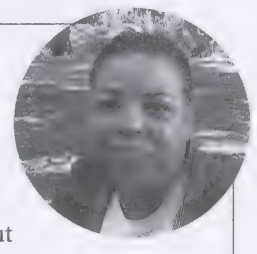
IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Janet Williams



Gardening has deep roots in Janet Williams's family. She grew up in Michigan, where her parents grew vegetables at home and her mother taught her everything she knew about gardening—although in a chillier climate.

When her mother moved to Philadelphia, Janet followed suit and put down newer roots here—delighted with the milder temperatures. She first became acquainted with PHS's Philadelphia Green program when her street took part in the "green block" project, installing window boxes, sidewalk planters, and street trees. Friends encouraged Janet to enter her eye-catching window box in PHS's old Harvest Show, where she promptly won a ribbon. "That was it," says Janet. "I was hooked."

Now a member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board, Janet is a graduate of PHS's Garden Tenders and Tree Tenders training programs. She loves the Philadelphia Flower Show and has volunteered for the past several years, usually helping with the lectures and demonstrations and, with her teenage son Aamir, greeting visitors at the Philadelphia Green exhibit.

Janet devotes much of her time to improving her North Philadelphia neighborhood and is especially committed to caring for her local park, Reyburn Park. She is founder of Reyburn Park Neighbors and has seen the park blossom into a community treasure. The park offers recreational opportunities for everyone in the neighborhood, including tennis lessons for children and senior citizens. "We have a jogging track, a playground, tennis courts, and a plaza to use for flea markets and other events," Janet boasts. She is also president of the advisory council of the Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center, located inside the park. "Our park is the living room of our neighborhood," says Janet. "It's the first thing you see, so we have to make it look nice."

Reyburn Park participates in Philadelphia Green's Parks Revitalization Project, a partnership with city government and residents to improve community parks throughout Philadelphia. "Janet is an important voice on the Parks Project steering committee," says parks project manager Tammy Leigh Dement. "She always has great advice for other volunteers trying to organize a new park group."

Along with fellow members of Reyburn Park Neighbors, Janet recruited additional volunteers last fall to plant 16 trees in the park—a project funded through TreeVitalize, a state program to increase tree cover in Southeastern Pennsylvania, in which PHS is a key partner. The group plans to add more trees this fall.

Janet is especially pleased that Aamir seems to have picked up her love of all things green: he earns work-study credits at school by volunteering in Reyburn Park, thus carrying on a family tradition of gardening and working with the earth. Janet says, "It's my passion, my joy. I love it!"

Note: You can take a virtual tour of Janet Williams's neighborhood and Reyburn Park by visiting www.youtube.com. *The park is featured in the music video, "A Long Walk," by grammy-winning vocalist Jill Scott.*

Improving Lives and Neighborhoods, One Vacant Lot at a Time

For the past several years, Philadelphia Green has worked under city contract to clean up Philadelphia's vacant lots in partnership with neighborhood organizations. Through this initiative, Philadelphia Green is also helping to bring new jobs where they are needed most.

Thousands of parcels of abandoned land—the result of decades of population loss—have become magnets for illegal dumping and other criminal activity, degrading the appearance and quality of life in many neighborhoods. Philadelphia Green's Vacant Land Management Program transforms trash-strewn lots into clean and green open spaces and sets the stage for reinvestment in the hardest-hit communities.

Vacant land management has two components, both intended as interim solutions until permanent uses for the land can be found. The first is known as "stabilization." After city crews remove abandoned buildings and large debris, Philadelphia Green "stabilizes" the lots by grading the soil, planting grass, and installing trees and wood fencing to deter illegal dumping.

To improve the appearance of thousands of other parcels, Philadelphia Green created **Community LandCare**, a program that engages community-based organizations in maintenance tasks such as weed-whacking and trash removal. Begun in 2003 with nine groups—most of which had no prior landscaping experience—the project has now grown to include 15 organizations working in 17 neighborhoods, maintaining three million square feet of open space.

Community LandCare improves the physical appearance of neighborhoods while providing employment for more than 100 local residents who receive landscaping experience that can translate into marketable skills. The project is part of the "green jobs" movement taking hold in many American cities. Philadelphia's City Council recently adopted a resolution calling for creation of a "Green Jobs Corps" in Philadelphia.

Community LandCare groups are chiefly community development corporations and neighborhood-based service organizations such as Ready, Willing & Able (RWA), which employs individuals who have been substance abusers or are formerly homeless. RWA's deputy director for community affairs Kate Houstoun says, "Our trainees can't believe the transformative power their work has on their community. In turn, the work has transformative power in their lives; it helps them get back on their feet."

Alexander Weems directs the Community LandCare work for SELF, Inc., a men's shelter with a similar mission. "We look at this as an opportunity to go out and help our community," says Weems.

PHS and its partners offer training in landscaping skills such as the use of power equipment and tree care. "It's exciting thing the way Community LandCare builds the capacity of these organizations," says Bob Grossmann, associate director of Philadelphia Green, who oversees the project. "For example, six of these groups have developed the skills to serve as maintenance contractors for our stabilization work."

"Our trainees can't believe the transformative power their work has on their community."

– Kate Houstoun

The jobs that Community LandCare provides are about more than just acquiring a paycheck, according to Weems, who started out as a volunteer. "It gives us an opportunity to sow some good seed, do something that's right," he says. "You know, we don't want our children to have to get up in the morning and look at some trash-strewn lot. It's a win-win situation for the community and for us."

The Community LandCare crew from East Park Revitalization Alliance maintains lots in the city's Strawberry Mansion neighborhood.

City Gardening Series

The PHS City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with **Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden,** in Wayne, PA. **These events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.** For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Kitchen Garden in a Pot
Thursday, July 10, 6 – 7 pm
Dickinson Square Park
Parsons Building (located inside the park)
4th & Tasker Streets

Drought-Tolerant Plants
Friday, July 11, 11 am – noon
Perzel Community Center
2990 St. Vincent Street

Gardening in Containers
Saturday, July 12, 9:30 – 10:30 am
Saunders Park
325 N. 39th Street

Creating Hanging Baskets
Monday, July 14, 1 – 2 pm
Walnut Park Plaza Senior Residence
6250 Walnut Street

Chanticleer through the Seasons – Summer
Thursday, July 17, 4:30 – 9:00 pm
Bus leaves PHS, 100 North 20th Street at 4:30 pm SHARP, returning to Philadelphia by 9 pm. Please bring a light supper; snacks and refreshments will be supplied. **Space is limited; registration and a $5 fee are required by Thursday, July 10.** To register please call Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Wild Plants & Weeds: Their Unexpected Stories
Saturday, July 19, 10 am – noon
Bartram's Garden
54th St. & Lindbergh Blvd.

Made in the Shade
Thursday, August 14, 6 – 7 pm
Dickinson Square Park
Parsons Building (located inside the park)
4th & Tasker Streets

Fall Container Gardens
Friday, August 15, 11 am – noon
Perzel Community Center
2990 St. Vincent Street

Growing and Caring for African Violets
Monday, August 18, 1 – 2 pm
Walnut Park Plaza Senior Residence
6250 Walnut Street

The Late-Season Perennial Garden
Wednesday, August 20, 7 – 8 pm
Campbell Square Community Park
(Belgrade Street & Allegheny Avenue)

Bus trip to Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Farm in Franklinville, NJ
Thursday, August 21, 9 am – 3 pm
Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Bus will leave PHS, 100 North 20th Street, 9 am sharp, returning to Philadelphia by 3 pm. **Space is limited; registration for this event and a $10 fee are required by August 14.** To register please call Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Azalea Garden Party

On May 1 more than 400 guests dressed in their finest garden hats and attire and attended the 2008 Azalea Garden Party. The annual party raises funds for year-round maintenance of the four-acre garden, located in Fairmount Park just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Margaret Funderburg

Left to right: Azalea Garden Party Committee co-chairs Bob Butera and Marilyn Sifford, PHS President Jane G. Pepper, and Junior Azalea Garden Party Committee co-chairs Erin and Frank Herz.

New Support

On Saturday, April 26, local radio station **WOGL 98.1** presented a $2,000 donation to PHS at the Spring Into Your Park event at Dickinson Square. WOGL staffers helped neighborhood volunteers clean and green the park during the day, which was devoted to sprucing up parks throughout the city. The donation will support PHS's City Harvest program, which raises fresh produce for area food cupboards, as well as other projects of Philadelphia Green.

On April 9, City Harvest was also the beneficiary of a special 5% for charity day at **Whole Foods Market** at 20th and Callowhill Streets in Philadelphia. The promotion raised $4,659 for City Harvest.

We are also grateful to **ACE INA**, who through an employee plant sale on Earth Day raised about $500 for Philadelphia Green.

Thanks to everyone who supports PHS.

1827 Society Corner

Members of PHS's 1827 Society enjoy a variety of special events and programs throughout the year.

In April, members learned how to create a four-season container garden at a demonstration in Malvern, led by horticulturist and landscape designer Michael Bowell. On a not-so-rainy day, Michael showed how to embellish sturdy containers with evergreens, shrubs, fruits and berries, and perennials and annuals.

Members enjoyed a day trip in May to private gardens in Morris County, New Jersey. Led by 1827 Society member Ann Granbery, they toured four refined country gardens and lunched in a lovely poolside setting.

A highlight of the summer season was the Annual 1827 Garden Party held at a private garden in Gladwyne, PA. Members enjoyed good company and good fun in a delightful garden owned by fellow 1827 Society members.

Members of The 1827 Society had a fun time in the city on the annual Spring Trolley Tour, which visits Philadelphia Green project sites such as community gardens and public landscape sites. This year's tour stopped at Norris Square Neighborhood Project, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary, to see the newest of six culturally themed gardens, El Colobó. Celebrating the African aspects of Puerto Rican ancestry, the garden is divided into three distinct plots representing subsets of African culture.

Eileen Gallagher

El Colobó at Norris Square was a highlight of the 1827 Society Spring Trolley Tour.

Fall programs will be announced soon! For more information about joining The 1827 Society, please contact Lisa D. Bendezu, senior manager of Annual Giving, at 215-988-8794 or *lbendezu@pennhort.org*.

Fall Arranging Series

September 24 – 26, 2008
Moniek Vanden Berghe,
"Flowers in Love"

PHS is pleased to present Belgian floral artist Moniek Vanden Berghe. One of the most elegant florists in Europe today, Vanden Berghe is known for her attention to detail, refinement, sensuality, and sensitive use of color and texture. Her restraint, sense of harmony, special flourishes, and flashes of humor are changing the work of many European florists. Her contemporary-modern style focuses on floral art, and bridal work is a real passion for her.

The following programs will be held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill. Parking is free, and hotel recommendations are available upon request. **For more information or to request an invitation, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.**

DEMONSTRATION
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
10 am – noon
Arrangers' Boutique and Raffle
Optional Lunch Buffet

WORKSHOPS Space is limited! Register early.
Thursday, September 25, 2008
9:30 am – 12:30 pm: Workshop for beginners to intermediate arrangers
1:30 – 4:30 pm: Contemporary Wedding Workshop

Friday, September 26, 2008
10 am – 4 pm: Workshop for experienced arrangers; includes box lunch

Jane Godshalk and Blaine Bonham

Garden Club of America Recognizes PHS

Philadelphia Green Receives Award

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's **Philadelphia Green** program has been awarded the **Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor Medal** from the Garden Club of America. The Garden Club's most prestigious award for a non-member, the Proctor medal recognizes an individual or organization that demonstrates "exemplary service and creative vision."

The Garden Club stated that Philadelphia Green's work "not only improves the quality of life for the six million residents of the region, it empowers citizens to integrate horticulture in the fabric of scores of communities, actively serving as a paradigm for cities across the United States."

"It's a big honor for Philadelphia Green to be recognized by the Garden Club of America," says PHS executive vice president Blaine Bonham, who accepted the award in May during the Club's annual meeting in Norfolk, Virginia. "PHS and GCA have had a long and fruitful partnership. From the beginning, members of the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America have been very supportive of our efforts, providing volunteers and funding specific projects like the renovation of the Azalea Garden in Fairmount Park and the installation of a watering system at Aspen Farms community garden."

Established in 1923, the Garden Club of America is an umbrella organization for US and Canadian local garden clubs. The Club's mission includes an effort to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

Green Scene Contributor Recognized

The Garden Club of America also presented an award to Jane Godshalk, who writes the "Botanical Bouquets" column for PHS's *Green Scene* magazine. A resident of Haverford, PA, and a long-time PHS member, Godshalk received the Bonnylin Woods Martin Medal for "the most consistently innovative flower designs." Ms. Godshalk is an accomplished flower arranger who has exhibited at major shows all over the country and internationally. She is a frequent flower show judge and a popular speaker and teacher.

Special Classes Announced for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show

Thinking about entering the Horticulture Classes at next year's Philadelphia Flower Show? Why not try your hand at growing these new bulb selections or challenge plants for 2009?

BULBS

General Bulb Classes (open to all exhibitors)

- *Narcissus* 'Tête-à-Tête' (Miniature). Pot: 8 inches or under.
- *Narcissus* 'Rapture' (Division 6, Cyclamineus). Pot: 8 inches or under.
- *Narcissus* 'Accent' (Division 2, Large Cup). Pot: 8 to 10 inches.
- *Tulipa* 'Donna Bella'. (Division 13, Greigii) Pot: 8 inches or under.
- *Tulipa* 'Gabriella' (Division 3, Triumph). Pot: 10 inches or under.
- *Iris* 'Harmony'. Pot: 8 inches or under.
- *Hyacinthus* 'Woodstock'. Pot: 8 inches.
- *Ipheion* 'Rolf Fiedler'. Pot: 6 inches or under.
- *Fritillaria imperialis*, species or any named cultivar. One bulb; pot: 6 inches or under.

Novice Classes (open to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Bulb Classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2009)

- *Narcissus* 'Topolino' (Division 1, Trumpet). Pot: 8 inches.
- *Tulipa* 'Mickey Mouse'. (Division 1, Single Early) Pot: 8 inches or under
- *Hippeastrum* 'Apple Blossom' (Amaryllis); a single-nosed bulb.

Note: All these bulbs must be grown and shown in pots of the size (inside diameter) specified. **You may use bulb pans, azalea pots, or standard pots for all bulb classes.** Look for a complete list of all bulb classes and an entry form in the 2009 Philadelphia Flower show *Exhibitor's Guide.*

CHALLENGE CLASSES

A limited supply of these plants will be available for purchase beginning Tuesday, September 16; cost is $5 each. **Only plants purchased from PHS are eligible for these classes.** Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis during business hours in the Shows Department at PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103 (corner of 20th & Arch Sts.). No reservations can be accepted. To see if plants are still available, call PHS at 215-988-8800 and ask for the Shows Department.

- Class 2999—An Italian herb (to be announced).
- Class 3999—*Solenostemon* 'Sedona'.
- Class 4999—*Pelargonium* 'Skies of Italy'.

TIMELY ALERT: One of the new classes for 2009 (repeating through the week) is a "Perennial plant grown from seed by exhibitor." Other new classes will be announced in the *Exhibitor's Guide.*

PLEASE NOTE: The *Exhibitor's Guide*, entry forms, and a *Beginner's Guide* to entering the Horticulture Classes can be downloaded from the Flower Show website (*www.theflowershow.com*) each year beginning in September.

To request a free printed copy of the *Exhibitor's Guide*, send your name and address (print clearly, please) to *Exhibitor's Guide*, Shows Department, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or send an email to *fsguide@pennhort.org.* (This email address is for *Exhibitor's Guide* requests only.) For general Show information, please call PHS at 215-988-8800 or visit *www.theflowershow.com.*

2008 Community Greening Awards

Co-sponsored by PHS and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, the **Community Greening Award** recognizes neighborhood and civic groups, garden clubs, businesses, and municipalities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware who have made a difference in their communities by planting and maintaining quality public spaces. Nominations are being accepted for public parks, main street planters, church gardens, train stations, municipal grounds, and other public plantings.

To qualify, a garden space must serve as a community amenity and must be open to the public free of charge. If you know of a public space planting in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or Delaware that should be recognized by PHS, **please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or email** *specialevents@pennhort.org*. **The deadline for nominations is July 15.**

Depot Square Park in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, was a 2007 Community Greening Award winner.

Plant a Seed: Volunteer!

Throughout the year, volunteers help PHS fulfill its mission of creating a sense of community and improving the quality of life through horticulture. To volunteer for one of the activities below, or to learn about other volunteer roles at PHS, **please contact Susan Strawbridge at** *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* **or 215-988-8876.**

City Gardens Contest

Volunteer judging teams are needed in July and August to evaluate gardens throughout Philadelphia for this annual competition. Judges need not be Philadelphia residents.

City Harvest

Through Philadelphia Green's City Harvest project, community gardens throughout Philadelphia are growing vegetables—started as seedlings by inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System—for distribution to needy families in our region. Volunteer groups are needed to help with seasonal gardening activities and other garden projects. All levels of gardening experience are welcome.

Office Assistants

Help PHS office staff with mailings, data input, filing, or other tasks at PHS headquarters, 100 N. 20th Street, in Philadelphia.

Visit Scottish Gardens with Jane Pepper in 2009

Next June, Jane Pepper will lead a PHS garden tour in southern Scotland. Brochures will be available in October. If you would like a copy, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

IN THE GARDEN

Andalusia

Bucks County, PA
Tuesday, July 8, 10 am – 12 noon

Located just 13 miles upstream from central Philadelphia on the picturesque banks of the Delaware River, Andalusia was the **country estate of the Craig and Biddle families** for more than 200 years. The Greek revival house is furnished in a variety of American period styles, and has been left as intact as possible to show how the family lived. The grounds feature a partially restored grapery dating to the mid nineteenth century, when the family established a commercial grape venture; a grotto built as a Gothic ruin in the 1830s; a walled garden brimming with heirloom and hybrid tea roses; perennial beds; a dog cemetery; and a lovely river walk along the Delaware. Our guided tours will include the house and gardens, and you are free to bring a lunch to enjoy on the grounds afterward. Directions will be mailed with your registration confirmation. **Limit: 30. Fee: $28 members, $35 non-members.**

Falcon Turn Daylily Garden

Southampton, NJ
Thursday, July 10, 10 am – 12 noon

Falcon Turn Daylily Garden is a private collection of more than 1,200 hybrid daylilies and species. Its flower beds are filled with a wide variety of daylilies from old classics to newer hybrids, including all colors, single and double flowers, re-bloomers, spiders and several of the garden's own creations. We will stroll through the large display beds and discover the beauty of daylilies. Falcon Turn owner **Jane Guillard** will welcome our group and talk about her garden, her passion for daylilies, and will give us daylily gardening tips. Potted daylily plants and freshly dug bare-root daylilies will be available for purchase. You are welcome to bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy after the program. Directions will be mailed with registration confirmation. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

Wayne, Pa

Botany for Beginners

Wednesday, July 9, 6 – 8 pm

Have you ever wondered how lilies differ from daylilies and how they are related, or why abutilon is related to rose-of Sharon? Using Chanticleer's flower gardens as our laboratory, **Robert Herald** will discuss basic facts of plant morphology and how this relates to classification and identification. During this hands-on class, we will learn how to look at garden plants with a botanist's eye. Leaf shapes and arrangement, plant habit, and flower parts will be investigated using simple terms and explanations. This class is ideal for gardeners who want to gain a deeper understanding of plants. The evening will conclude with the identification of a variety of garden plants using a botanical key. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

House and Garden

Wednesday, July 16, 6 – 8 pm

Built in 1913, Chanticleer was part of the Country Place Era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many businessmen and industrialists built expansive country estates away from the noise and congestion of cities. Designed initially as a summer home close to railroad transportation from Philadelphia, the house was enlarged in 1924 to become a year-round residence. This tour will include the ground floor of the main house with an emphasis on the relationship of the house to the greater landscape. We will learn about house contents and family history from archivist **Anne Sims**, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss the gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Line, Color, Form, and Hot New Plants

Wednesday, July 30, 6 – 8 pm

What makes a plant attractive? Is it the architecture, the effect it creates in the garden, the emotion the colors induce, or all of the above? Join horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** as we stroll through the gardens looking at what the Chanticleer staff does best: grows and displays new plants and innovative plant combinations. Dan will emphasize plants with interesting lines, texture, and color—both hardy and tender—that are suitable for Delaware Valley gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Summer Bulbs, Highlights of the Garden

Thursday, July 31, 6 – 8 pm

Lilies and gladiolus are staples in many summer gardens, but for the adventurous gardener there are many other exciting bulbous plants than can add that extra touch. Why not try a dahlia or an elephant ear to fill those holes left on your perennial border when early spring ephemerals disappear? How about growing an Aztec lily, a pineapple lily, or a lily that climbs up through non-blooming shrubs? These are not your ordinary bulbs! Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** on a walk through the garden with a focus on summer bulbs and how to use them creatively. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Herbaceous Natives

Wednesday, August 6, 6 – 8 pm

Spend a lovely summer evening with **Laura Aiken** as she guides us through the gardens at Chanticleer highlighting top-performing herbaceous plants, including simply gorgeous all-American annual and perennial selections. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Flower Arranging From the Garden

Wednesday, August 13, 6 – 8 pm

Why spend lots of money buying flowers when you can create something of beauty from what's growing right outside in your garden, regardless of the time of year? Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** on an inspiring walk through Chanticleer and its Cut-Flower Garden. Jonathan will then demonstrate and discuss techniques for creating various arrangements while putting together numerous creations before your eyes. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Late-Summer Shade

Wednesday, September 10, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will guide us through the enchanting grounds of Chanticleer and will highlight the splendid shade-loving plants you can enjoy in the cool shade of your garden all summer. Many of these plants come into their full glory in the cooler nights and shorter days of autumn. You'll take ideas home in time for fall planting! **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Only a Drop in the Bucket, Drought Gardening with Success

Wednesday, September 17, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

With the passing of the Dog Days of Summer, how will your garden fare? Have you created a garden that is on "life support" at the end of a hose? With increased water restrictions, many thrifty gardeners are looking to plants that only need rain. Walk with **Robert Herald** through Chanticleer and learn about plants that smile at hot, dry weather; delight in dry, well-drained soil; and ignore our seasonal droughts. Simple cultural practices including water-wise mulching, weeding, and watering will also be discussed. A plant list will be provided. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

Name:_____ Member ID#_____

Guest(s):_____
(if a guest will be accompanying you,please provide name)

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: (day)_____ (evening)_____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number:_____ Expiration: _____

Signature:_____

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Tour: The Legacy of Liddon Pennock
Wednesday, July 16, 10 – 11:30 am OR 1 – 2:30 pm (please indicate preferred time)

This in-depth tour of Meadowbrook Farm's noted Robert McGoodwin-designed estate will include an expanded discussion on the style of J. Liddon Pennock Jr., who was influenced by the eighteenth-century designer, Robert Adam. **Diana K. Weiner** will lead us through the interiors and discuss how Mr. and Mrs. Pennock lived, and estate gardener **Tom Reber** will show us how the gardens radiating from the house relate to the site lines and encompass the aesthetic principles of Mr. Pennock. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Planting Your Garden for Hummingbirds and Butterflies
Wednesday, July 30, 10 am – 12 noon

Spend a lovely morning in late July walking around the gardens of Meadowbrook Farm with head gardener **Glenn Ashton**, learning which plants attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Glenn will share tips on what to plant for larval and adult butterflies and how to keep the hummingbirds around all summer long. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Herbs: Past, Future—and For Presents!
Tuesday, September 9, 10 am – 12 noon

Savor the flavor of summer at the height of the season. Early September is the perfect time to harvest a bounty of herbs from your garden. First, take a walk with **Diana K. Weiner** through Meadowbrook Farm's All-America Selections Vegetable Display Garden, where you will learn the lore and uses of many herbs. Then it's on to the classroom for a hands-on workshop. Learn some culinary tricks, taste some treats, and create an herbal wreath to bring home and use in the kitchen. Start making your holiday presents now when the herbs are at their peak! Please bring scissors and/or hand pruners. **Limit: 20. Fee: $38 members, $43 non-members.**

Standards and Topiaries
Tuesday, September 30, 10 am – 12 noon

The formal art of pruning plants to shape them into various forms has been practiced for centuries. Many annuals, tropicals, woody plants, and perennials can be manipulated this way. At Meadowbrook Farm, **Meredith Story** has been training many plants into numerous forms for more than a decade. She will teach you how to choose an appropriate plant to train and how to take care of it through all the stages to achieve a finished form. **Limit: 20. Fee: $33 members, $38 non-members.**

SELF-GUIDED GARDEN TOUR
University City, Philadelphia

Secret Gardens of University City
Saturday, September 20, 1 – 5 pm

University City is known to be one of the most lush, greenest areas of Philadelphia, but not all these green spaces are known to the general public, or even to the natives. This self-guided walking tour, co-sponsored by PHS and UC Green, will feature private and lesser-known public gardens and green spaces between 40th and 50th streets. Directions will be mailed with confirmation of your registration. **Fee: $15 members, $20 non-members.**

Fall Tree Tenders Training Courses

Over the past 15 years, Southeastern Pennsylvania has lost millions of trees. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources created **TreeVitalize**, a public-private partnership, to replenish the region's trees. You can help by becoming a Tree Tender!

In partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, PHS offers nine hours of **Tree Tenders training** for residents of Philadelphia and the four surrounding Pennsylvania counties. The hands-on training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care, fundraising, and working with local government and within your community. This three-part course is designed for lay people and experts alike and is offered at three locations this fall.

Delaware County
Springfield Township Municipal Building
50 Powell Road
Springfield, PA
Wednesdays, September 10, 17 & 24, 6 – 9 pm

Montgomery County
Valley Forge Christian College
1401 Charlestown Road
Phoenixville, PA
Thursdays, September 25 & October 2; Tuesday, October 7, 6 to 9 pm

Philadelphia
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA
Wednesdays, October 15, 22, & 29, 5:45 – 8:45 pm

The course is FREE, but registration is required. Snacks are served. Given the length of the training and late hours, the training is not appropriate for children under 13. To register, please send us your name, address, phone number, and email address and state which training you would like to attend. **Mail to: Dawn Waters, PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia PA 19103**, or email the information to *dwaters@pennhort.org*. To register online, go to *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, click on "Tree Tenders Training," and fill in the online registration form. For more information, please contact Mindy Maslin at *treetenders@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844.

Woody Plant Conference
Friday, July 18, 2008
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

The 2008 Woody Plant Conference includes lectures on distinctive and reliable trees and shrubs, history and uses of roses, the process of bringing wild-collected plants to market, new woody plants for colder climates, Lyme disease in Pennsylvania, and more.

Speakers include **John Elsley**, director of horticulture at Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm; **Linda Guy**, director of new product development at Carolina Nurseries in South Carolina; garden designer and author **Sean B. Hogan**, who specializes in appropriate plants for the Pacific Northwest; entomologist and Lyme Disease expert **Steve Jacobs**; renowned freelance plantsman, writer, author, lecturer and plant explorer **Roy Lancaster**; and **Stephen Scanniello**, who is best known for transforming the Cranford Rose Garden of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden into one of the world's most acclaimed rose gardens.

The Woody Plants Conference is co-sponsored by PHS, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum. The conference includes lunch and tours of Swarthmore's Scott Arboretum.

To register for this all-day event, **please call the continuing education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507.** For more information, visit *www.woodyplantsconference.org.*

McLean Library Exhibit
"Dahlia Roots: from Moctezuma to Madrid and Beyond"
Through Wednesday, July 30
PHS McLean Library
100 North 20th Street, 1st Floor

In the sixteenth century, Spanish Conquerors were seeking gold in Meso-America, but they were also on a horticultural hunt for new foods and medicines. Among the plants of interest was the cocoxochitl, as it was known by the Aztecs. We call this plant a dahlia. Through July 30, you can view an exhibit in the McLean Library on the history of the dahlia in the Americas and Europe. The show incorporates material from the Library's rare and historic book and seed catalogue collections.

McLean Library Book Sale
PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
9 am – 5 pm

Mark your calendar to attend the PHS McLean Library Book Sale! Buy new gardening books at a 25 percent discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices.

The McLean Library welcomes donations for this sale, including used gardening books, natural history books, and cookbooks in good condition. Donations will be accepted until Friday, September 5. Please drop books off at the Library (located at PHS, first floor) between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

For more information, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772.

Margaret Funderburg

The McLean Library book sale helps support Library programs.

Summer in the City

With gasoline prices so high, it's good to know that there's no need to travel far and wide for outstanding summer entertainment. Instead, call up some friends and join your neighbors for the **Summer in the Neighborhood** series—an engaging array of activities and events happening in neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia. Coordinated by Philadelphia Green's Parks Revitalization Project, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, and volunteer park groups, the diverse programming is designed to showcase the city's various communities. You'll find evening concerts featuring a variety of music, family-friendly movie nights, flea markets, farmers' markets, and more. The calendar of events is posted on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, and brochures are available by calling 215-988-1611.

John Gannon

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Prizes include a Nikon CoolPix LII digital camera and a fun photography assignment for *Green Scene* magazine.

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PHS Joins Partnership to Renovate Parkway and Build New Park

Thanks to an extraordinary combination of public and private partnerships and funding totaling $19 million, the **Benjamin Franklin Parkway**—Philadelphia's "museum row"—will receive a major landscape makeover, and a new neighborhood park will rise in South Philadelphia.

This collaboration among the city, state, PHS, Fairmount Park Commission, Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Center City District, and private foundations signals a growing recognition of the role that green spaces play in creating a vibrant city.

PHS will play a significant role in these projects. In the initial undertaking on the Parkway, PHS will partner with the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Fairmount Park Commission to help coordinate work around one of the Parkway's premier attractions, the **Rodin Museum**.

The Rodin project, designed by Olin Partnership and the Art Museum, will involve improvements to the museum's inner garden and surrounding areas, including new walkways, curbs, lighting, benches, and plantings. "This wonderful collaboration will benefit not only the Rodin Museum and garden but also the community and visitors from around the neighborhoods, the region and the world," says Gail Harrity, interim chief executive officer of the Art Museum.

In addition, PHS will guide the design and development of **Hawthorne Park** at 12th and Catharine streets in South Philadelphia, the first new city park in more than a decade.

Supporting these projects are funds from the City of Philadelphia; the Pennsylvania departments of Transportation, Community and Economic Development, and Conservation and Natural Resources; The Pew Charitable Trusts; the William Penn Foundation; and the Knight Foundation.

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PHS Members' Day is September 13

The Navy Yard, Philadelphia
11 am – 4 pm

Don't miss the **2008 PHS Members' Day on Saturday, September 13,** from 11 am to 4 pm at the **Navy Yard** in Philadelphia.

Members' Day is a fun-filled day for the entire family, featuring:

- Music, food, and children's activities
- Tours of the Navy Yard
- A marketplace where you can find an array of plants, garden accessories, and PHS merchandise
- The ever-popular Annual Plant Dividend

The day will include exciting **lectures and demonstrations** on horticultural topics beginning at 10 am and continuing until 3 pm, and local plant societies will be on hand.

In the Membership Tent, members who renew (regardless of expiration date) and members' guests who join PHS that day will receive **free daffodil bulbs.**

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the **Hospitality Tent,** and there will be additional food and drinks available for purchase.

Members can visit the **Plant Dividend tent** to select free plants (one for associate members and three for full household memberships and above). Valid PHS Membership Cards are required to enter the Dividend tent, so please bring your card or visit the Membership Tent for a temporary card. Dividend plants are grown and donated by other members, commercial growers, and expert propagators. Selections include perennials, shrubs, houseplants, and trees that will beautify your indoor or outdoor garden for many years to come.

Be sure to stop at the **Gold Medal tent**, where you can purchase exceptional plants that have been recognized with

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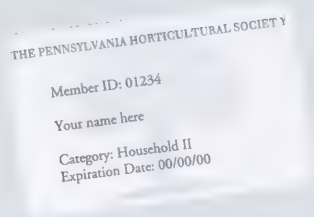

Your PHS Membership

Your PHS membership card is your passport to savings throughout the year at many area retail garden centers, nurseries, and other establishments. For details and a list of vendors offering discounts to PHS members, please visit the PHS website and click on "Membership."

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PEPPERPOT

A Taste of *Bella Italia*

Jane Pepper in Venice, Italy

When plans for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, Bella Italia, began to unfold, I realized that by a wonderful coincidence I was going to have a Show preview while on vacation. For two weeks in July I had the pleasure of soaking up the sights and sounds of Italy and the Dalmatian coast.

My journey started in a small village about an hour by train from Venice. Thanks to my Internet-savvy brother Andrew, who lives with his wife, Bess, in Scotland, we rented a small apartment in a sixteenth-century villa owned by the Marinoni family.

We arrived in the evening, so it wasn't until the next morning that we truly appreciated the full beauty of Andrew's Internet discovery. Villa Godi-Marinoni (*www.castellomarinoni.com*) sat way up on a hill above the village of Barbarano. Below was a landscape filled with vineyards, rows of corn, and small villages. Above and below were winding trails I walked every morning through vineyards, olive groves, and one large planting of kiwi vines.

Our goal for this trip was to visit villas designed in the sixteenth century by Palladio, considered to be one of the most influential people in the history of architecture. Designs for houses such as Monticello were much influenced by Palladio's *The Four Books of Architecture*, written in 1570.

On the way to Barbarano from the airport we had our first opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of a Palladian porch. When we arrived in Piombino Dese it was very hot and sticky. As we toured Villa Cornaro, owned by an American family, thunder started rumbling, followed by torrential rain and hailstones. After sitting on the porch for an hour, the storm cleared and we drove into the setting sun refreshed and thrilled that the storm had made us pause to enjoy one of the wonderful features of a Palladian villa.

After the storm we enjoyed a week of blue skies for our Palladian adventure. Each morning we would visit a market to pick up bread, cheese, and fruit for a picnic. Several evenings we cooked dinner and brought it out onto the terrace. On two evenings we were thrilled to have not only a nearly-full moon but also fireworks down in the valley. Signora Marinoni was not as excited as we were. "Ah," she said, "these days they have fireworks for every celebration."

When I returned to Philadelphia, planning for *Bella Italia* was going full steam ahead, and several of our major exhibitors were planning their own visits to Italy so they, too, can get thoroughly into the Italian mood as they plan their displays. It's going to be a very exciting Show; be sure to save the dates. We open on **Saturday, February 28th**, with the Members' Preview and Preview Reception and Dinner.

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

The arrival of autumn offers gardeners a whole new season of planting activities. To get started, visit the Meadowbrook Farm Fall Open House on Saturday, September 27, from 10 am to 5 pm. Plenty of free parking is available.

PHS members receive 10 percent off all plant purchases. If you renew your PHS Membership at the Open House, you'll also receive a special coupon to use that day for plant purchases. If you bring a friend who joins PHS, you will each receive a coupon.

One highlight of the Open House is the opportunity to tour Meadowbrook's estate and gardens. Complete with gazebos, fountains, and pools, the property offers several intimate settings and beautifully staged luxurious gardens. Keep an eye out for colchicum, a lavender-flowered bulb that blooms in September.Knowledgeable docents will be on site to answer questions about the property and the garden design.

Don't worry about the little ones being bored.
A children's activity will be offered and, weather permitting, there will be leisurely carriage rides along the main drive.

See you at the Open House!

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10am – 5pm.

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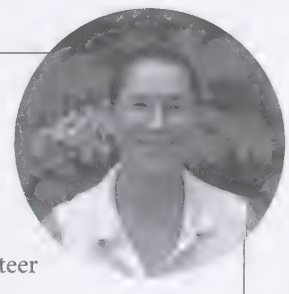
IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Robin Potter



Robin Potter is one of those PHS "super volunteers" who works all across the organization and generously gives of her time. Robin met PHS president Jane Pepper through a volunteer project at the Philadelphia Zoo and was soon lending her time to PHS, too.

"I'd been going to the Philadelphia Flower Show for decades and helped put together the Zoo's 'Big Cat Falls' exhibit at the Show a few years ago," says Robin. "Later, I attended the Growing Greener Cities symposium (in fall 2006) and was so impressed by everything PHS does through its Philadelphia Green and education programs. I knew I wanted to get involved."

Among her volunteer roles, Robin has served as an Early Morning Tour guide at the Flower Show, a City Gardens Contest judge, and a City Hall in Bloom team leader. She also serves on the Plant Dividend Committee, both growing plants and setting up their distribution at Members' Day each fall. "Anytime you put me and 3,000 plants in a tent, I'm happy," she laughs.

A Master Gardener in Camden County, New Jersey, Robin gives numerous lectures as part of PHS's City Gardening Series. Her areas of discussion include native plants, container gardens, beneficial insects, fragrant plants, and indoor gardening. "Lecturing on behalf of PHS forces me to learn new topics," she says. "The plantings at my own house have benefited from this education, too."

Summing up, Robin says, "PHS brings in such a variety of people from across the region, and I like to meet all sorts of different people who are interested in gardening. By volunteering, I can now drive around Philadelphia and see the effects of greening projects that I'm helping to support. That's why I got involved in the first place. It's a very rewarding feeling."

- Pete Prown

PHS Joins Partnership to Renovate Parkway and Build New Park

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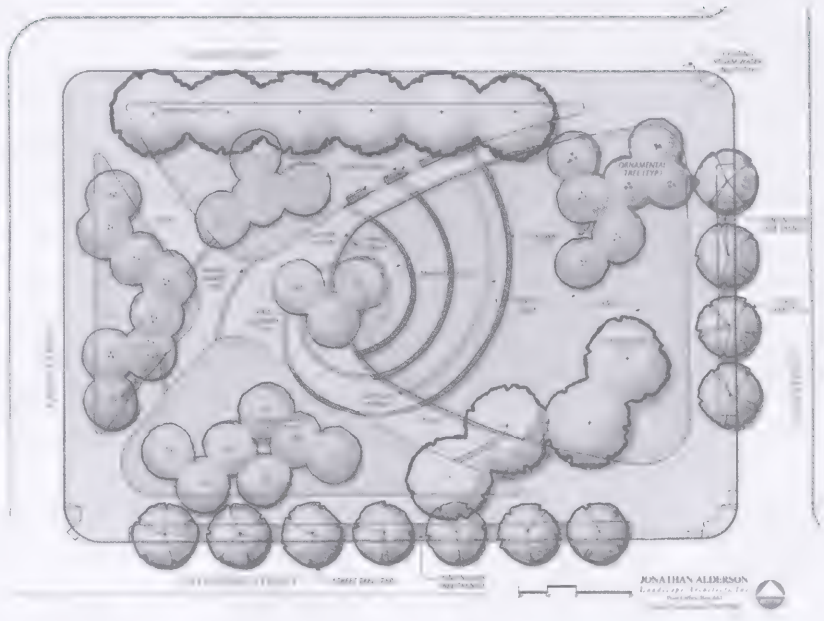
"This is an unprecedented partnership of government and private foundations working together to restore a city treasure and create a new park," says Blaine Bonham, executive vice president of PHS. "Individual sections of the Parkway will have different project partners," he explains, "but the successful coordination of the work depends on the collaboration of all participants."

Other portions of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway renovation are:

- The 2100 and 2200 blocks—traffic and design improvements, including realignment or replacement of curbs; new paving; and new benches, plantings, and trash receptacles;
- Sister Cities Plaza—landscape enhancements on the eastern section of Logan Square, including new trees, grass, paving, lighting, and site furnishings;
- The 1600 and 1700 blocks—new granite curbs, exposed concrete paving with brick edging, new benches, plantings, and trash receptacles;
- Shakespeare Park—landscape enhancements to the area in front of the Free Library;
- And the south side of the 1800 block—new trees and paving repair in front of the Four Seasons Hotel.

In South Philadelphia, Hawthorne Park will cover about 35,000 square feet, or a small city block, on what has been vacant land owned by the Philadelphia Housing Authority, which will lease the site to the Fairmount Park Commission. The $2.1 million plan includes a small amphitheater that incorporates a rain garden and passive green space for walks and relaxation. Working with the Fairmount Park Commission, the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition, and other stakeholders, PHS will coordinate the park design, citizen engagement, and community stewardship.



Site plan for Hawthorne Park

A green landscape at 12th and Catharine has been a longtime dream of area residents, according to Patricia Bullard of the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition. "This park has been central to our vision for a green and sustainable community," she says. "We await the development of this park with eager anticipation, and commit to serving as its community stewards for years to come."

Donald Kimelman, managing director of Information Initiatives and the Philadelphia Program at The Pew Charitable Trusts, says, "The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has a long and successful record of creating high quality landscaping for some of Philadelphia's most prominent public spaces, and we are proud to support this latest effort."

– Alan Jaffe

Fall for Your Park on October 4

Olney Recreation Center and Tacony Creek Park
9 am – 12 noon

Each autumn, the Philadelphia Green Parks Revitalization Project hosts a major workday in one city park, where hundreds of volunteers gather to plant, clean up, and celebrate. The 2008 Fall For Your Park event will be held on **Saturday, October 4**, at the Olney Recreation Center and Tacony Creek Park. Registration and welcome breakfast will begin at 8 am at the Recreation Center, located at A Street and Spencer Street. The workday will begin at 9 am and conclude at noon, with lunch to follow.

No gardening experience is necessary. To volunteer, please contact Susan Strawbridge at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* (215-988-1611).

PHS Spearheads TreeVitalize Watersheds Program

This fall, the TreeVitalize Watersheds program will initiate dozens of new projects to help reduce storm runoff and improve water quality in communities throughout southeastern Pennsylvania. The program provides trees and shrubs to help restore "riparian buffers"—areas along streams and rivers—as well as upland areas and drainage basins. PHS will play a major role by training volunteers for watershed projects through its Tree Tenders network, raising awareness, identifying projects across southeastern PA, and streamlining the application process.

One major project is the Rosyln Park Sandy Run Stream Bank Restoration and Management Project in **Abington Township**. The aim is to reforest the stream bank along Sandy Run, which drains into the Wissahickon Watershed. In the first two phases more than 100 volunteers planted 4,000 native trees, shrubs, and grasses. The third and final planting will take place on October 18. The project is a collaborative effort of the Abington Township Parks and Recreation Department; the township's Environmental Advisory Council and Shade Tree Commission; and Abington Trails, a nonprofit organization.

The TreeVitalize Watersheds program is focusing on nearly 200 sites in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties. Through the program, the partnership of PHS, the Fairmount Park Commission in Philadelphia, the Conservation District office in each of the four surrounding counties, and the Stroud Water Research Center in Chester County has reforested some 300 acres of riparian areas with 50,000 trees and 19,000 seedlings so far.

Public and private funding sources have contributed more than $1.5 million to TreeVitalize Watersheds thus far, including four $250,000 Growing Greener grants from the **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.** In addition, **Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.**, a major regional water utility, has contributed $500,000 in funding as well as technical assistance on projects in its source water zone. Other assistance has come from **PECO Exelon**, which has provided $150,000 in project funds.

Volunteers plant trees for a TreeVitalize Watersheds project at Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust in Montgomery County.

"Aqua is pleased to have been a major contributor in the initial years of the TreeVitalize program," says Preston Luitweiler, vice president and chief environmental officer for Aqua Pennsylvania. "The work improves water quality, natural habitat, and the appearance of the landscape. TreeVitalize helps instill stewardship of water resources and the environment. We also know that trees capture carbon from the atmosphere, so we are lowering our carbon footprint while caring for our water resources."

PHS has been a lead partner in TreeVitalize since 2004, when the public-private partnership was initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with the goal of restoring the tree canopy in southeastern Pennsylvania. TreeVitalize expanded in 2005 to include watershed restoration projects in the region, and is now working in other metropolitan areas across the commonwealth.

Become a TreeVitalize Watersheds Volunteer!

- To volunteer for the October 18 planting in Roslyn Park, Abington Township, please contact Catherine Gauthier at *aajay@juno.com.*
- To volunteer for other TreeVitalize Watersheds projects, please contact Susan Strawbridge, PHS volunteer program manager, at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876.
- For more information about TreeVitalize, please contact Michael Leff at *mleff@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8795 or visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org.*
- Sign up for Tree Tenders training on the PHS website.

Paula Solomon and daughter Leyah greeted guests at The 1827 Society party in June, when Mr. and Mrs. Solomon announced their challenge gift.

1827 Society Corner

Solomon Challenge Announced

Paula and Mark Solomon, members of The 1827 Society President's Circle, have generously offered to **fund half the membership fee for every new 1827 Society Member this year**! This means new members who join by **June 1, 2009** will pay only half the membership fee of any 1827 Society category for an entire year, while current PHS members who upgrade into the 1827 Society will pay half the difference between their current membership and their 1827 Society category.

If you would like more information about the Solomon Challenge or joining The 1827 Society, **please contact Lisa D. Bendezu, senior manager of Annual Giving, at 215-988-8794 or *lbendezu@pennhort.org***.

Shore Garden Tour

On September 19, members of The 1827 Society, along with Sustaining and Sponsoring members, will tour seashore gardens in **Longport** and **Margate, New Jersey**.

Landscape designer Michael Bowell will guide us through several private gardens and will emphasize important factors for successful seashore gardening, such as choosing the proper location to control the effects of wind, salt, and intense sun, as well as plant selection and maintenance. He will also talk about creating lush colorful garden beds and containers.

A fee of $60 includes round-trip transportation, snack, driver gratuity, and lunch at a local restaurant. Coach pickup will be at two Philadelphia locations: 7:30 am at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, or 8 am at PHS headquarters, 20th & Arch streets. To register, please contact Suzanne Betts at *sbetts@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8819.

PHS Annual Fund Meets its Goal

Thanks to the generosity of supporters and members who made gifts above and beyond their membership, PHS raised almost $235,000 for the Annual Fund in its spring campaign. The **Independence Foundation** matched **new and increased gifts** to the Annual Fund, helping to give these contributions an even greater impact on the projects they support through Philadelphia Green.

PHS is thrilled to announce that the Independence Foundation has increased its grant award to PHS this year and will match up to $30,000 in **new and increased gifts** during the 2008-2009 campaign. If you would like to contribute a tax-deductible gift to the PHS Annual Fund, please visit PHS's secure website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, and click on "Support PHS" or contact Lisa D. Bendezu, senior manager of Annual Giving, at 215-988-8794 or *lbendezu@pennhort.org*.

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2009 PHS Annual Fund and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please accept a gift of: ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other _____

I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership

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☐ Check enclosed (payable to PHS) OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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Mail To: PHS Annual Fund, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/supportphs*

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Trolley Tour on September 18

PHS hosts trolley tours of Philadelphia Green projects throughout the city for committee members and supporters. The next tour, on September 18, will feature stops at Penn Treaty Park on the Delaware River, as well as Liberty Lands and Norris Square gardens in North Philadelphia. If you would like more information about attending a tour, please contact PHS membership director Suzanne Betts at *sbetts@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8819.

Tomasita Romero (left) of Norris Square chats with Jane Pepper (center) and PHS Council member Leslie Anne Miller during a spring Trolley Tour.

PHS Members' Day is September 13

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the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers will answer your questions.

There will also be a **live auction** at 1:30, featuring specimen plants and props from past Flower Show exhibits (credit cards accepted). Also on the auction block will be a **Saranac teak patio furniture set** (four pieces/retail value $3,499), donated by Smith & Hawken.

Ample **free parking** is available. For more information, detailed directions, and a list of lectures and demonstrations, please visit the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*.

Volunteer at Members' Day!

If you would like to volunteer at this fun event, please contact Susan Strawbridge at 215-988-8876 or *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org*. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and tear-down as well as a variety of activities.

Getting to the Navy Yard

The Navy Yard is located at the **south end of Broad Street** and is easily accessible from I-95 (Exit 17, Broad Street). Enter through the main gate; Members' Day is held on the Parade Ground (look for signs). For detailed driving directions, please visit the PHS website.

For SEPTA users, take the **# 17 bus** (marked Navy Yard). On Saturdays, #17 buses leave from Center City (Front & Market, 6th & Market, 15th & JFK, 19th & Walnut), approximately every 10 minutes. Please check with SEPTA for more information (215-580-7800 or online at *www.septa.org*).

The Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society

There are many ways a **charitable planned gift** can help your family achieve its financial and philanthropic goals while supporting what matters to you most at PHS. Planned gifts allow donors to make a larger gift to an organization than they could in their lifetime, while providing beneficial estate-tax and income-tax savings.

The **Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society** honors those who have included PHS in their estate plans. If you have named PHS in your estate, please let us know so we may welcome you to the Schaffer Society!

To learn more about planned gifts or for a personalized illustration of how a charitable planned gift to PHS could benefit you, please contact Melissa DeRuiter, director of development at 215-988-8766. All conversations are kept in strict confidence.

Special Classes for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show

Thinking about entering the Horticulture Classes at next year's Philadelphia Flower Show? Why not try your hand at growing these new bulb selections or challenge plants?

BULBS

General Bulb Classes (open to all exhibitors)

- *Narcissus* 'Tête-à-Tête' (Miniature). Pot: 8" or under
- *Narcissus* 'Rapture' (Division 6, Cyclamineus). Pot: 8" or under
- *Narcissus* 'Accent' (Division 2, Large Cup). Pot: 8"-10"
- *Tulipa* 'Donna Bella' (Division 13, Greigii). Pot: 8" or under
- *Tulipa* 'Gabriella' (Division 3, Triumph). Pot: 10" or under
- *Iris* 'Harmony'. Pot: 8" or under
- *Hyacinthus* 'Woodstock'. Pot: 8"
- *Ipheion* 'Rolf Fiedler'. Pot: 6" or under
- *Fritillaria imperialis*, species or any named cultivar. One bulb, pot 6" or under.

Novice Classes (open to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Bulb Classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 2009)

- *Narcissus* 'Topolino' (Division 1, Trumpet). Pot: 8"
- *Tulipa* 'Mickey Mouse' (Division 1, Single Early). Pot: 8" or under
- *Hippeastrum* 'Apple Blossom' (Amaryllis); one single-nosed bulb

Note: All these bulbs must be grown and shown in pots of the size (inside diameter) specified. **You may use bulb pans, azalea pots, or standard pots for all bulb classes.**

CHALLENGE CLASSES

A limited supply of these plants will be available for purchase **beginning Tuesday, September 16**; cost is $5 each (cash or check). Only plants purchased from PHS are eligible for these classes. Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the Shows Department at PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, PA (corner of 20th and Arch streets), 215-988-8800.

- Class 2999— *Origanum vulgare* 'Compactum' (Oregano)
- Class 3999—*Solenostemon* 'Sedona'
- Class 4999—*Begonia* 'Black Velvet' (substitute for plant originally announced)

PLEASE NOTE: The Flower Show *Exhibitor's Guide*, entry forms, and a *Beginner's Guide* to entering the Horticulture Classes, can be downloaded from the Flower Show website *www.theflowershow.com*. The guide contains information about all classes for 2009. For a printed copy, send your name and address to Exhibitor's Guide, Shows Department, PHS, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or email *fsguide@pennhort.org*. **For general Show information, please visit** *www.theflowershow.com* **or call PHS at 215-988-8800.**

Travel with Us: PHS Trips for 2009

Gardens in Charleston, with Visits to Savannah and Kiawah

April 14 – 19

A spring visit to Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, is a horticultural delight, with azaleas in bloom, wisteria framing doorways, and carefully tended beds in walled gardens. Both cities have long charmed visitors with their interesting architecture, fascinating history, beautiful gardens, and gracious way of life. We'll visit choice private gardens and experience Southern hospitality first-hand.

In addition to private gardens, we will visit Drayton Hall in Charleston, an outstanding example of Georgian Palladian style, as well as beautiful Middleton Place, site of the oldest landscaped gardens in America. Also on the itinerary is a visit to Kiawah Island, a barrier island near Charleston. Overnight accommodations are at the Meeting Street Inn in Charleston.

Garden sculpture at Middleton Place, in Charleston

Betsy Gullan, PHS education manager for member activities, and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours will lead this six-day tour.

The Borders & Southwest of Scotland with Jane Pepper

June 7 – 17

Jane Pepper will lead a PHS tour to her home country, Scotland. The group will spend a few days in the "Borders," to the south of Edinburgh, where rich arable farming country combines with stunning scenery. The area is home to many superb gardens, both historic and newly created.

The tour will then proceed to the Southwest coast, a narrow, fertile dairy-farming plain between the Galloway Hills and little port towns on the Solway Firth. The gardens in this region, where the climate is mild, are full of plants too tender to grow in much of the British Isles.

Printed itineraries are available on the PHS website or by contacting Betsy Gullan at *bgullan@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8778.

Fall Arranging Series

September 24 – 26, 2008
Moniek Vanden Berghe,
"Flowers in Love"

PHS is pleased to present Belgian floral artist Moniek Vanden Berghe. One of the most elegant florists in Europe today, Vanden Berghe is known for her attention to detail, refinement, sensuality, and sensitive use of color and texture. Her restraint, sense of harmony, special flourishes, and flashes of humor are changing the work of many European florists. Her contemporary-modern style focuses on floral art, and bridal work is a real passion for her.

The following programs will be held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill. Parking is free, and hotel recommendations are available upon request. For more information or to request an invitation, please contact Betsy Gullan at 215-988-8778 or *bgullan@pennhort.org*.

DEMONSTRATION
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
10 am – noon
Arrangers' Boutique and Raffle
Optional Lunch Buffet

WORKSHOPS: Space is limited! Register early.
Thursday, September 25, 2008
9:30 am – 12:30 pm: Workshop for beginners to intermediate arrangers
1:30 – 4:30 pm: Contemporary Wedding Workshop

Friday, September 26, 2008
10 am – 4 pm: Workshop for experienced arrangers; includes box lunch

McLean Library News

McLean Library Book Sale

PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia
Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 9:30 am – 5 pm

Don't miss the PHS McLean Library Book Sale! Buy new gardening books at a 25 percent discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices.

The McLean Library welcomes donations for this sale, including used gardening books, natural history books, and cookbooks in good condition. Please drop books off at the Library between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772.

Monthly Book and Film Discussion Groups Starting this Fall

Join "**Stories from the Garden**," the McLean Library's long-running book discussion group. Each month we'll read and discuss works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land. The first meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 11, from 5:45 to 7:45 pm**, when the group will discuss *Three Bags Full: a Sheep Detective Story*, by Leonie Swann. Participants must read books prior to each meeting.

Do you love to watch movies and talk about them? Join us in this **film discussion series**, where we'll talk about movies in which nature, gardens, or the environment play a role. We'll look at themes of redemption and restoration, what happens when nature goes awry, and the quest to live in harmony with the environment. The first meeting will be **Tuesday, September 16, 6 to 7:30 pm**. The group will discuss *Edward Scissorhands* (1990), starring Johnny Depp. Participants must view films before discussion.

Both groups meet in the PHS McLean Library, 100 N. 20th Street, in Philadelphia. Participation is free and open to all, but pre-registration is requested. For complete schedules, reading list, and film selections, and to register for either group, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772, or visit the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, and click on "Calendar."

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Herbs: Past, Future—and For Presents!
Tuesday, September 9, 10 am – 12 noon

Savor the flavor of summer at the height of the season. Early September is the perfect time to harvest a bounty of herbs from your garden. First take a walk with **Diana K. Weiner** through Meadowbrook Farm's All-America Selections Vegetable Display Garden, where you will learn the lore and uses of many herbs. Then, it's on to the classroom for a hands-on workshop. Learn some culinary tricks, taste some treats, and create an herbal wreath to bring home and use in the kitchen. Start making your holiday presents now when the herbs are at their peak! Please bring scissors and/or hand pruners. **Limit: 20. Fee: $38 members, $43 non-members.**

Standards and Topiaries
Tuesday, September 30, 10 am – 12 noon

The formal art of pruning plants to shape them into various forms has been practiced for centuries. Many annuals, tropicals, woody plants, and perennials can be manipulated this way. At Meadowbrook Farm, **Meredith Story** has been training many plants into numerous forms for over a decade. She will teach you how to choose an appropriate plant to train and how to take care of it through all the stages to achieve a finished topiary. **Limit: 20. Fee: $33 members, $38 non-members.**

Late-Season Containers: Workshop
Tuesday, October 7, 10 am – 12 noon

Vibrant color in the garden need not end with the summer. Many perennials and frost-tolerant annuals may be combined in planters and window boxes to provide color for many more weeks, as well as extend your moveable garden. **Diana K. Weiner** will show how texture, color, and flower arrangement can brighten your doorstep or patio containers in autumn. You'll bring home an eye-catching pot of plants that can do double duty in the garden for years to come. Please bring trowel, gloves and hand-pruners; container, plants, and potting medium will be provided. **Limit: 20. Fee: $55 members, $60 non-members.**

The Late-Season Garden: Demonstration and Walking Tour
Wednesday, October 15, 10 am – 12 noon

As many summer garden performers are waning, late-season flowers come forward to brighten the fall garden bed. **Tom Reber** will introduce you to wonderful flowering perennials to keep your garden interesting well past the first hard frost in our region. Planting, care, and instruction on plant combinations will be discussed. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Lecture: Ethnobotany
Tuesday, October 21, 10 am – 12 noon

Know the plants that may save your life! There are numerous plant species that are used for medicinal and healing purposes growing right under our noses in our own homes and gardens.There are many more that are threatened in North America. **Tom Reber** & **Glenn Ashton** will take you on a hunt through the gardens and greenhouses and show you the treasures being conserved at Meadowbrook Farm. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Holiday Decorations for Your Home
Thursday, November 20, 10 am – 12 noon

Learn how greens, cones, and berries can give your home a festive look for the holidays! **Diana K. Weiner** will introduce you to many plant materials that can be used to create beautiful displays for mantles, tabletops, and vases. She will guide you as you create your own boxwood topiary tree decorated to take home and display for the holidays. Please bring scissors and hand pruners. **Limit 20. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

REGIONAL PROGRAM

Pressing and Creating Designs for Fun and Competition
Tuesday, September 23, 10 am – 12 noon
GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, Reading, PA
201 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601

Internationally recognized floral designer, lecturer and pressed flower artist **Eugene Burkhart** has entered flower shows throughout the United States and the world since he was six years old. His philosophy is, "The way nature has fashioned flowers gives us a great but short-lived pleasure and delight. I enjoy capturing this delight by pressing and drying plant material to have the perfect medium for creating pictures, designs and decorative items for lasting beauty." He is a skilled and award-winning instructor as well, with more than 35 years experience teaching audiences of all ages and skill levels. In this workshop in his studio at the GoggleWorks in Reading, PA, Gene will present a brief history of pressed plants; demonstrate how to press plants using a telephone book and plant press; and discuss different designs, from botanicals to whole-flower designs to intricate cut-work designs. He will help you create your own design that will be matted and ready for an 8 x 10-inch frame. Please bring scissors. Directions will be mailed with registration. **Limit: 20. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.**

COACH TRIP

Ladew Topiary Gardens, Monkton, Maryland
2009 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Wednesday, October 1, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

In celebration of *Bella Italia*, the theme of the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, travel with us to Monkton, Maryland, to experience one of the most extraordinary topiary gardens in the country. (Topiary, the art of creating living sculpture from trees and shrubs, has origins in ancient Rome.) The garden was created by one of the more colorful figures in American cultural history, New York City socialite Harvey S. Ladew.

In 1929 Ladew was drawn to Pleasant Valley Farm, in rural Maryland, through his love of fox hunting. He expanded the manor house and, with the help of local farmers, carved 22 acres of gardens out of fields previously used for crops and livestock. Our visit will include a tour of the house, originally built in the late 1700s and filled with English antiques, paintings, photographs, sketches, and fox-hunting memorabilia. Ladew added a series of rooms designed for the entertainment of such friends as T. E. Lawrence (of Arabia), Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, Noel Coward, Charlie Chaplin, Clark Gable, Somerset Maugham, Colette, Italian contessas, Belgian and French counts, and members of the English Royal Family. One of his most unusual additions is the Oval Library (complete with a secret door). It is included in the book *100 Most Beautiful Rooms in America*, by Helen Comstock.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

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Guest(s):_____
(if a guest will be accompanying you,please provide name)

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Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

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Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

After enjoying a boxed lunch, we will tour the gardens, designed by Mr. Ladew to provide an array of color, texture, and form for each season. He created two cross axes to allow for the long vistas he saw in Italy with British-inspired "garden rooms" off each axis. The axes meet in Ladew's oval swimming pool, placed in the center of the "Great Bowl." There are 15 flower gardens, each with a different theme, ranging from a formal Rose Garden and perennial borders to a Cottage Garden, Water Garden, and Berry Garden. The crowning glory of the site is the topiary—trees and shrubs trained and trimmed into ornamental shapes.

Coach pick ups will be available at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, or at PHS, 100 N. 20th Street (please specify preference). **Limit: 40. Fee: $99 members, $119 non-members.**

WALKS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, Pa

Late-Summer Shade
Wednesday, September 10, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Horticulurist **Przemek Walczak** will guide us through the enchanting grounds of Chanticleer and will highlight the splendid shade-loving plants you can enjoy in the cool shade of your garden all summer. Many of these plants come into their full glory in the cooler nights and shorter days of autumn. You'll take ideas home in time for fall planting! **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Only a Drop in the Bucket: Drought Gardening with Success
Wednesday, September 17, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

With the passing of the dog days of summer, how will your garden fare? Have you created a garden that is on "life support" at the end of a hose? With increased water restrictions, many thrifty gardeners are looking to plants that only need rain. Walk with **Robert Herald** through Chanticleer and learn about plants that smile at hot, dry weather; delight in dry, well-drained soil; and ignore our seasonal droughts. Simple cultural practices including water-wise mulching, weeding, and watering will also be discussed. A plant list will be provided. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

IN THE GARDEN

Koi Harvest at Nisei Koi Farm
Carney's Point, NJ
Thursday, October 23, 10 am – 12 noon

The shimmering color and motion of koi bring a whole new level of aesthetic appeal to any garden setting. This visit to Nisei Koi Farm, home of Quality Koi Company, in nearby Carney's Point, NJ, will introduce you to the fascinating process of raising and selecting koi, in the Japanese style, at affordable prices. Participants will tour various indoor and outdoor ponds on this 43-acre organic asparagus farm and learn how these unique fish are raised and selected from the highest-quality stock imported from Japan. The highlight of the day will be the harvest of the koi from their summer mud ponds as they are moved to their designated greenhouses for the winter or shipped to clients all over the country. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 PHS members, $23 non-members. Directions will be sent with confirmation.**

WORKSHOP
PHS, 100 N. 20th Street
Philadelphia

Botanical Illustration with Watercolor
Eight Tuesdays, October 14 – December 2, 10 am – 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor or have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, exercises to create form and dimensionality, and discussion of brushes and paper. It is necessary to attend the first session of this eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome!

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.**

EVENING LECTURE

Niwaki: Pruning, Training, and Shaping Trees the Japanese Way
PHS Auditorium
100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia
Monday, November 10, 6 pm

Niwaki means "garden tree," defining it as something grown in the garden rather than the wild. Its implications, however, are much broader, as we will experience when **Jake Hobson** gives us a fascinating look at how the Japanese garden can be seen as landscape, intrinsically linked to Japan itself through the deliberate shaping of trees. The trees in these gardens are trained and pruned to reflect the landscapes and culture, and the various techniques have grown into art forms that we in the West refer to as "cloud pruning." Using examples from well-known temple gardens in Kyoto, obscure temples in mountainous regions, and private gardens all over the country, Jake will cover the main species and styles and suggest how we can adapt these ideas to our own gardens.

Jake Hobson studied sculpture at Slade School of Fine Art, University College, London, where he became interested in the culture of Japan. A trip there introduced him to Japanese gardens and the idea of pruning trees to fit into a garden landscape. He worked for five years at Architectural Plants nursery in Sussex, England, where he applied Japanese pruning techniques to a range of plants. He now operates a business with his wife, Keiko, importing tripod ladders and pruning tools from Japan, and has a small nursery in Dorset. His book, *Niwaki, Pruning, Training and Shaping Trees the Japanese Way* was published by Timber Press in 2007 and will be available for signing after his presentation.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments and wine. Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.

CONFERENCE

2008 Perennial Plant Conference
Friday, October 17, 8 am – 5 pm
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Get a preview of promising new plant introductions and enjoy lectures on a variety of gardening topics, including naturalistic gardening, green roofs, and more.

This year's speakers include **Laura Deeter**, assistant professor of horticultural technologies at Ohio State University; **Jeff Jabco**, director of grounds and coordinator of horticulture at the Scott Arboretum; **David Jewell**, floral/ornamental superintendent at England's Royal Horticultural Society garden, Wisley; garden designers and authors **Scott Ogden** and **Lauren Springer Ogden**; **Carol Reese**, garden writer, photographer, lecturer, and ornamental horticulturist for the University of Tennessee; and **Keith Wiley**, nursery owner and former head gardener at the Garden House in Devon, England.

For more information and to register, please contact the Continuing Education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000, ext. 507. You can also pick up a brochure at PHS headquarters. Register early!

SELF-GUIDED GARDEN TOUR
University City, Philadelphia

Secret Gardens of University City
Saturday, September 20, 1 – 5 pm

University City is one of the lushest, greenest areas of Philadelphia, but not all these green spaces are known to the general public, or even to the natives. This self-guided walking tour, co-sponsored by PHS and UC Green, will feature exquisite, creative private and lesser-known public city gardens and green spaces between 40th and 48th streets. Directions will be mailed with confirmation of your registration. **Fee: $15 members, $20 non-members.**

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with ***Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden****, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website,* www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org, *or contact Marilyn Reynolds at* citygardening@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8872.*

Designing and Maintaining Hanging Baskets
Monday, September 8, 4 – 5 pm
C. B. Moore Recreation Center
2551 N. 22nd Street

Festive Fall Planters
Wednesday, September 10, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute,
Free Library of Philadelphia
1905 Locust Street

Bus Trip: Chanticleer through the Seasons—Fall
Thursday, September 18, 4:30 – 9 pm
Join us for an enchanting evening at Chanticleer in Wayne, PA. Bus leaves PHS, 100 North 20th Street, at 4:30 pm SHARP, returning to Philadelphia by 9 pm. Please bring a light supper; snacks and refreshments will be supplied. Space is limited; registration and a $5 fee are required by Thursday, September 11. To register please call Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.

Fabulous Fall Containers
Saturday, September 27, 10 – 11 am
Southwest Community Development Corporation
6328 Pascall Avenue

Your Indoor Garden
Monday, October 13, 1 – 2 pm
Walnut Park Plaza Senior Residence
6250 Walnut Street

Fresh Flower Arranging
Thursday, October 16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Roots Community Garden, Fisher Park
6th & Spencer Streets (top of steps)
Spencer Street entrance

PHS Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Please join us for the PHS Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, November 11 at 5 pm** at PHS headquarters (100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia). We will elect new members of Council, present the 2008 PHS Annual Awards, and take up other Council business.

The Council has approved the nomination of the following members for **re-election** to second three-year terms, starting in November 2008: June Barry, Leomar Cooper, Sally N. Graham, Russell Meddin, William Mellix, Jane Pollock, and Joseph Pyle.

In addition, the Nominating Committee will place in nomination for **election** to three-year terms, beginning in November, the following persons:

John K. Ball* is president of Shoemaker Construction Co., a regional building construction company. John is involved in several professional associations, including the General Contractors Association of PA; the General Building Contractors Association; the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; The Reinvestment Fund; and the Young Presidents' Organization, Philadelphia Chapter. He is treasurer of Council and chairs the Green City Strategy Committee.

Steven D. Bessellieu is chief executive officer of BeCrypt Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of a global data security software company. Steven has served on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Chapter of Junior Achievement, treasurer of the Bachelor Barge Foundation, and founding president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Alumni Club. Steven vice-chairs PHS's Flower Show Executive Committee and is a member and secretary of the Men's Garden Club of Philadelphia.

Julia B. Fisher is managing director, Wealth Advisors, at JPMorgan Private Bank in Philadelphia. She is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and past chair of the Fiduciary Income Tax Committee of the American Bar Association Tax Section. She is a member of the Philadelphia Estate Planning Council, Pennsylvania Joint State Government Commission's Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estate Laws, and a member of the Planned Giving Advisory Committee of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Julia is vice-chair of the PHS Finance Committee.

Penny Hansen is a member of the Mill Creek Valley Garden Club. Her growing passion is travel photography, and she travelled to India twice last year with a photographer for *National Geographic* magazine and will be on a photographic expedition in Myanmar later this year. Penny has chaired both the Flower Show Preview Dinner and Azalea Garden Party, and continues to serve on those committees.

Harry E. Hill* is president and CEO of Empire Abrasive Equipment Co., a manufacturer focusing on producing surface preparation equipment; Delaware Car Co., a passenger railcar re-builder and equipment manufacturer; and managing partner of H.E. Hill & Co., a management consulting business. He is past president of Churchill Insurance Company, Ltd. Harry has chaired the PHS Council and Executive Committee for the past four years and is a member of the Men's Garden Club.

David P. Hollander* recently retired as managing director for Accenture in Philadelphia. David is on the board of directors of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company and the Merion Golf Club. He is vice-chair of Council and serves on the Preview Reception and Dinner and Green City Strategy committees.

Gerry Lopez is vice president of Agronomic Crops, AgroFresh Inc., where he heads a new business venture at Rohm and Haas Company that will help prevent drought and heat damage to crops around the world. He has headed the company's marketing activities and held positions in sales, supply chain, and research and development. He serves on the Flower Show Executive Committee and is involved with PHS's branding initiative.

Margaret Sadler* retired as director of Global Human Resources at FMC Corporation. She serves on the board of the Forum of Executive Women and is a member of the International Personnel Association, vice-chair of PHS Council, and a member of the Human Resources Committee.

Jason E. Vermillion is the market development director for Accenture and is responsible for identifying and leading new business opportunities as well as building Accenture's image and brand in the region. He also serves as the chief of staff for the Philadelphia office, leading internal programs and events. Jason serves on PHS's Green City Strategy and Preview Reception and Dinner committees.

** Current PHS officers eligible for election*

Please return your signed proxy, we need your vote!

PROXY FORM

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Annual Meeting of Members
November 11, 2008

The undersigned hereby appoints Harry E. Hill, Morris Cheston, Jr., and Jane G. Pepper, each of them the true and lawful attorneys of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, to be held at 5 pm on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members, all adult members of household should sign.
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign:

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Please return no later than October 24, 2008
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PHS Launches $12.1 Million Endowment Campaign

PHS Council Chair Harry Hill, Louise Hill, Dodo Hamilton, and PHS President Jane Pepper celebrated the launch of the Legacy Landscapes campaign at Mr. and Mrs. Hill's home in September.

In this month's "Pepperpot," PHS president Jane Pepper introduces ***Legacy Landscapes***, a new campaign to raise $12.1 million in endowment funds for downtown landscapes and community gardens. Please see page 2.

PHS Receives Major Grant from the William Penn Foundation

PHS has received a $2 million grant for 2008-09 from the William Penn Foundation, a long-time supporter. The grant will enable PHS to undertake three key initiatives through its Philadelphia Green program over the next year:

- Create and enhance open spaces along the Delaware Riverfront;
- Create a model "green neighborhood" in Philadelphia's New Kensington community; and
- Promote sound open-space policies and excellence in park renovation and development.

"Improvements to Philadelphia's riverfront, advancing thoughtful city policies regarding parks and open spaces, and the development of sustainable neighborhoods are essential components to creating a greener city," says Maitreyi Roy, senior director of Philadelphia Green.

A Greener Riverfront

PHS will lead efforts to engage community residents and develop **open space projects and greenways along the Delaware River**. These will include proposals put forth in the "Civic Vision for the Central Delaware Riverfront," initiated by PennPraxis, a working group of planning and design faculty and students at the University of Pennsylvania. "Early-action" projects will include two model "greenway connectors" linking adjacent communities to the riverfront and completion of major improvements to Penn Treaty Park on the riverfront.

Creating a Model Green Neighborhood

In the **New Kensington** neighborhood, PHS will partner with the New Kensington Community Development Corporation to design and implement three to five

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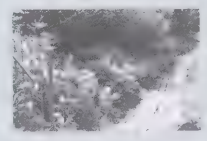
National Park(ing) Day

On a sunny Friday in September, PHS staff celebrated "National Park(ing) Day." Sponsored by the Trust for Public Land, the national event promotes the value of urban parks by temporarily transforming metered parking spaces into green spaces. Several PHS staff members designed a 28-by-8-foot "park" in front of PHS offices on 20th Street, featuring a lawn, potted plants, and benches. As passing motorists and pedestrians gaped in disbelief, office workers from around the area happily grilled hot dogs and s'mores, listened to live music, and played bocce. To see more photos from National Park(ing) Day, please visit *www.tpl.org/parkingday.*

INSIDE:

Meadowbrook Farm Hosts Holiday Open House. See page 2.



Congratulations to City Gardens Contest winners. See page 3.

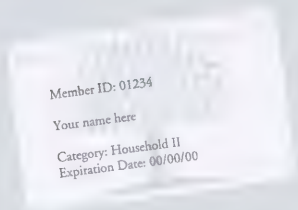
Travel with PHS in 2009. See page 5.

Robert Bartlett of Bartlett Tree Experts receives major PHS award. More award winners announced. See page 5.

On the PHS Website!

www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org

- **New! Pick up fall gardening tips via the *philly.com* link.**
- **Watch videos about Philadelphia Green.**
- **Check out the City Gardening Series in the Calendar section.**
- **Get details on Meadowbrook Farm's Holiday Open House.**



Your PHS Membership

PHS members receive tickets to the Philadelphia Flower Show! Renew your membership today to receive free tickets to the 2009 Show, *Bella Italia* (March 1-8, 2009). Tickets will be mailed to members in early February. Upgrade your membership and get additional tickets to share with family and friends. For more information, please visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, and click on "Membership."

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PEPPERPOT

Legacy Landscapes: A $12.1 Million Endowment Campaign

When we buy our homes, we are taking on a responsibility that usually requires time, often patience, and always cash. Similarly PHS has, over the past 25 years, taken on many responsibilities in Philadelphia that are time-consuming and expensive, but they are responsibilities that bring me—and many others—great joy and pride. I think back to the days when the landscaping at the Azalea Garden in Fairmount Park was in disrepair, and when the plantings in the forecourt of the Philadelphia Museum of Art were disheveled. A trip around the Swann Fountain circle in Logan Square was one I tried to avoid, because the paths were worn, the benches dilapidated, and the shrubs tired and scraggly.

Today, I linger in these beautiful places to take in the view. The inspiration of designers who laid them out so many years ago is once again in full view, thanks to the hard work PHS has done with our partners, such as Fairmount Park and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, to re-landscape the gardens, fix the walkways and benches, and develop colorful plantings worthy of these landmark sites.

As I look toward the future, I want to make sure these gardens are watered and weeded, planted and pruned, so that future generations can enjoy them as much as I do on my walks around town. When PHS executive vice president Blaine Bonham and Council chair Harry Hill and I sat down to talk about our concerns for the future, we decided that the best way to ensure a positive future for these important landscapes was to embark on an endowment campaign to raise capital, the income from which would be devoted to the management responsibilities PHS has undertaken in the past two decades. Given that PHS had never before mounted an endowment campaign, this was a decision we made very carefully.

Shortly after naming our $12.1 million campaign *Legacy Landscapes*, PHS development director Melissa DeRuiter and I went to visit H. F. "Gerry" Lenfest, one of Philadelphia's most generous fans, who had once told me that if PHS decided to embark on an endowment campaign he wanted to hear about it. Imagine our excitement when Gerry and his wife, Marguerite, offered PHS an amazing challenge grant of $2 million if we could raise matching funds in gifts up to $500,000 by December 2010.

Last January we began the "quiet phase" of *Legacy Landscapes*, talking to members of our Council and other long-time PHS supporters. The response to date has been extremely gratifying, and in September we celebrated our success at having raised $6.9 million toward our campaign goal with a party at Harry and Louise Hill's home to thank our donors.

Gerry Lenfest and Dodo Hamilton, the long-time PHS friend and Flower Show blue-ribbon winner who has made a $2 million leadership gift to the *Legacy Landscapes* campaign, spoke about their reasons for supporting PHS. William L. McLean, whose family's McLean Contributionship has

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WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

A Plethora of Poinsettias at Meadowbrook Farm

Holiday shoppers can peruse the Meadowbrook gift shop for an assortment of seasonal decorations, such as beautiful wreaths, swags, and cut greens. Among the other offerings are vases, candles, and a myriad of items for the home. Meadowbrook retail manager Jacqueline Fisher says, "Because this is the time of year when people attend lots of parties and gatherings, I try to acquire host/hostess gifts that appeal to all tastes."

Plants make great presents as well, and Meadowbrook Farm's retail garden center has a wide offering. "We have greenhouses full of poinsettias in a range of colors," notes head grower Jessica Story. "Beyond the traditional reds, whites, and pinks, we also have unexpected shades like blue and gold."

Poinsettias and cut greens will be offered at a **10 percent discount** during the Open House. PHS members with valid membership cards receive an additional 10 percent off all plant purchases, bringing their savings on poinsettias and cut greens to 20 percent! Also, Meadowbrook's fine selection of jewelry will be 25 percent off and all holiday gifts will be 10 percent off.

For driving directions, visit *www.gotomeadowbrook.com*. **Please note: holiday hours on 12/24 and 12/31 are 10 am to 2 pm.** Meadowbrook Farm is an affiliate of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10am – 5pm.

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 6, 10 am – 5 pm

Ring in the season with the Meadowbrook Farm Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 5 pm. The festivities include self-guided tours of the estate house, which will be decorated for the holidays; refreshments; and a kids' craft activity.

Special Holiday Shopping for PHS Members

Smith & Hawken
Sunday, November 9, 11 am – 5 pm

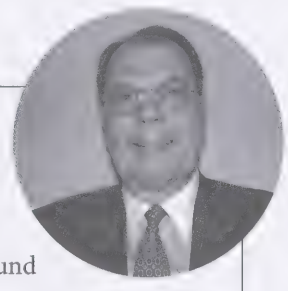
PHS members, begin your holiday shopping by enjoying a **20 percent discount at all Smith & Hawken stores** on November 9 from 11 am to 5 pm. Your current **PHS membership card** must be presented to receive this discount. Light food and refreshments will be available throughout the day at the Bryn Mawr and King of Prussia locations.

This discount is in effect for Sunday, November 9 only. Not included are catalog orders, furniture, gift cards, or Viking products. Sunday store hours vary, so please contact your favorite store for their hours. For a complete list of store locations and hours, please visit the Smith & Hawken website: *www.SmithandHawken.com.*

Terrain at Styers
November 8 and 9

PHS members are invited to attend an **Open House** on November 8 and 9 at terrain at Terrain at Styer's, 914 Baltimore Pike (US Rte 1), in Glen Mills, PA, to enjoy workshops, entertainment, and refreshments. Terrain at Styers is a new participant in the PHS Vendor Program, offering year-round discounts for members. At the Open House, PHS members will enjoy the incredible collection of amaryllis from Holland, a wide variety of poinsettias, and unique Christmas trees. Terrain offers a **10 percent discount to PHS members.** For more information please visit *www.terrainathome.com* or call 610-459-2400.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Nicholas J. Kovich



Nick Kovich is a dedicated PHS volunteer who serves on several committees and gives generously of his time. Having retired from Morgan Stanley in 2001, Nick looked around for a nonprofit that could benefit from his expertise. Through his friend Scott Jenkins—another terrific volunteer—he was introduced to PHS president Jane Pepper, and the rest fell into place. Nick joined the Investment Committee and later became its chair. He has also been a member of the Executive and Finance Committees, as well as PHS Council.

Nick and his family moved to the Philadelphia area in 1988 from Kansas City, Kansas (though he's still an avid fan of sports teams from that area). Like his wife, Karen, he's also a garden lover and has recently joined the Men's Garden Club, a longtime favorite at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Through his background in investing, Nick has been able to help PHS navigate the ups and downs of the markets and help keep the organization on solid financial footing. "I've been very lucky professionally, and I wanted to give something back to society," he says. "Working with PHS has been a perfect fit for me."

"One of the most rewarding things about volunteering for PHS," Nick continues, "has been seeing what a well-run organization can do for Philadelphia, and seeing its positive impact on individuals, neighborhoods, and organizations. I'm both hopeful and excited to see what PHS can do in the next decade, expanding on their work in the region and across the nation."

PHS Receives Major Grant from the William Penn Foundation

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demonstration projects as part of establishing New Kensington as Philadelphia's first "green neighborhood." Through Philadelphia Green, PHS worked extensively with New Kensington CDC in the late 1990s to clean up vacant land and create green spaces in that community. Going forward, PHS will conduct education and community outreach to promote urban greening; complete demonstration projects illustrating ecological restoration, green urban design, and sustainable stormwater management; and recruit 200 local volunteers to help create and maintain new green spaces.

Promoting Better Open-Space Policies and Excellent Parks

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter has made greening a centerpiece of his agenda, offering an opportunity for PHS to further advance its *Green City Strategy.* The Green City Strategy has long promoted enhancing the city's open spaces as a key tool for urban revitalization. Under this grant, PHS will seek to **influence city policies and practices and increase citizen participation**, with a special emphasis on promoting excellence in park renovation and new park development. PHS will energize the large network of park advocates already working with Philadelphia Green and city government to revitalize parks throughout the city.

In addition, PHS will continue to conduct education and outreach to the corporate community to promote the importance of greening, planning, and technical expertise, as well as present citizen forums that promote sustainable community development.

"PHS is committed to improving the quality of life through horticulture by investing in the improvement of Philadelphia's neighborhoods and inspiring residents to become active community stewards," says Philadelphia Green senior director Joan Reilly. "And, like all of our accomplishments to date, the backbone of these projects is partnership with diverse local, civic, and government entities."

Partners are essential to all PHS projects. In addition to the New Kensington CDC and PennPraxis, PHS will work with the Philadelphia Water Department, Fairmount Park Commission, the Department of Recreation, the Philadelphia Parks Alliance, and the City of Philadelphia. In New Kensington, PHS will also work with friends-of-parks groups and other community members. Other partners will include neighborhood- based organizations; community residents; and leaders in the business, design, and development communities.

Revitalizing Penn Treaty Park

Over the past two years, Philadelphia Green has been helping to restore **Penn Treaty Park**, one of the city's only public access points to the Delaware River, located in the Fishtown neighborhood. With funding from the Fairmount Park Commission and the William Penn Foundation, Philadelphia Green provided landscape management and technical support for a refurbished entryway; new perennials, shrubs, and trees; and new paving, benches, and bicycle racks. Improving access to the Delaware River and enhancing riverfront landscapes such as Penn Treaty Park are Philadelphia Green priorities under the new grant from the William Penn Foundation.

Marcus Johnson

Penn Treaty Park

2008 PHS City Gardens Contest

More than 300 entries were received for the 2008 PHS City Gardens Contest. Following are the **first-place winners in the individual and community gardening categories.** For a complete list of all award winners, please visit the PHS website. Congratulations to all who entered, and grateful thanks to the 240 people who served as volunteer judges!

The North Street Community Garden

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES

Combination Vegetable/ Flower Gardens
Toney Lucas
Antoinette Russell
Mindy Silver

Container Gardens (Includes balconies, patios, decks, and rooftops)
Renaldo James
Johanna Neiuwland
Judy Moon
Michael Sparano & Rocco Giancaterino
Ty Stanley

Flower Gardens
Neesa Becker-Procaccino
Iris Brown
Gail Chapman
Martha Coonley
Earl Eberwein
Kathleen & Marvin Factor
Charlie Heiser
Robert Jacobs
Candice Price
Viery Ricketts-Thomas
Mrs. Richard Fevree Smith
Eric Sternfels
Kate Maus & Steven Wren
Mark Vandegrift

Vegetable Gardens
Brandon Huber
Lawrence King
Domenico Scicchitano

Children's Gardens
Quad, Qazl + Qimir

COMMUNITY CATEGORIES

Combination Vegetable/ Flower Gardens
Las Parcelas
Roots Community Garden
The Spring Gardens
Southwark/Queen Village Garden
Villa Africana Colobo
15th & Butler Streets

Flower Gardens
North Street Garden
The Horticulture Center Volunteer Garden
Hands-On Garden of Associated Services for the Blind
46th St. & Baltimore Ave

Garden Blocks (Window boxes & sidewalk planters)
5400 Block, Norfolk Street
1500 Block, E. Berks Street

Greenest Blocks in Town
6200 Block, Ellsworth Street
8000 Block, Jeanes Street

School and Children's Gardens
Grumblethorpe
Teens 4 Good
University City High School
St. Francis Xavier School

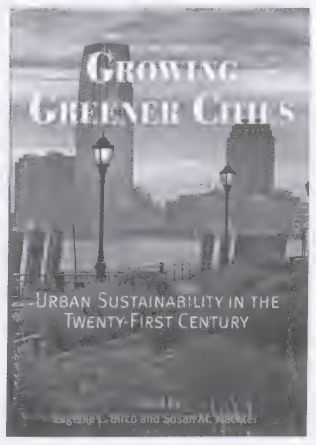
Community Parks
Friends of Bardascino Park
Friends of Cloverly Park
Friends of Gorgas Park

Vegetable Gardens
Glenwood Green Acres
The Southerners
914 S. Bodine Street

Book and Panel Discussion Focus on Sustainability

PHS executive vice president J. Blaine Bonham Jr. and PHS Council member Patricia L. Smith, a former city official, have co-authored a chapter in the recently published book, *Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the Twenty-First Century.* Published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, the book is a collection of essays that address the fundamentals of creating a sustainable city. Bonham and Smith have written about the importance of city governments working in partnership with nopnprofts. *Growing Greener Cities* is available at Penn Press (*www.upenn.edu /pennpress*) and on *Amazon.com.*

To celebrate the book's release, PHS and the Penn Institute for Urban Research will co-host a panel discussion on Wednesday, November 12. (For details, please visit the PHS website.) Blaine Bonham will serve as moderator.



Legacy Landscapes

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provided funds for PHS projects over the past two decades, announced the Contributionship's commitment to the campaign with a challenge grant of $200,000 to match gifts from $2,500 to $25,000.

In addition to supporting the management of the downtown sites I mentioned, a portion of the income from the *Legacy Landscapes* fund will, in time, provide small grants to some of the large community gardens that have been so important to Philadelphia Green and to their communities. Many of you have seen these "Keystone Gardens," such as Las Parcelas, the Spring Gardens, and Glenwood Green Acres. From time to time PHS wants to be in a position to help our community gardeners with needed improvements.

As is traditional with major fund-raising efforts, we are now moving from the "quiet" to the "public" phase of the campaign, and on this page you will find a list of donors who have already contributed.

I very much hope you will decide to join them in making a contribution to *Legacy Landscapes*. There are many ways you can support this campaign and help us meet our challenge grants. You can make outright gifts of cash or securities over a period of years, or you can contribute through a life income plan or through your estate. If you would like additional information on ways to participate in *Legacy Landscapes*, please contact Melissa DeRuiter, PHS director of development, at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*.

Your gift will create a lasting legacy that will help maintain the beauty and value of these important landscapes forever. Thank you.

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

Legacy Landscapes Campaign Donors

List complete as of 9/16/2008
Total Gifts and Pledges: $6,927,774
Total Deferred Gifts: $20,346

Gifts of $1,000,000+
Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton
Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest

$500,000 - $999,999
Elizabeth R. Moran
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$100,000 - $499,999
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Jane G. Pepper
Ann and Frank Reed
Frances and Bayard Storey
Teresa and Kenneth Wood
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Stephan White

1827 Society Corner

Help us meet the Solomon Challenge!

As PHS announced last month, Paula and Mark Solomon, longtime friends of PHS, have generously offered to **fund half of the membership fee for every new member of The 1827 Society!** This means all new members will pay only half of the membership fee for an entire year. If you're a current member and would like to upgrade to The 1827 Society, the Solomon Challenge will pay half the difference between your current membership and your choice of 1827 Society category.

As an 1827 Society member, you'll be providing important unrestricted support for PHS's **Philadelphia Green** program. Plus, 1827 Society members receive wonderful membership benefits, including:

- 12 tickets to the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show
- Behind-the-scenes tour of the Flower Show before it opens to the public
- 20 percent discount on all plant purchases at Meadowbrook Farm
- Invitations to exclusive 1827 Society events
- Special recognition in PHS's Annual Report

We've set a goal of 100 new 1827 Society members by June 2009, and we need your help to make this Challenge a success! If you would like more information about the Solomon Challenge or about joining The 1827 Society, please contact Lisa D. Bendezu, senior manager of Annual Giving, at 215-988-8794 or *lbendezu@pennhort.org*.

1827 Society Fall Happenings

The fall event season is in full swing, and members of The 1827 Society have been enjoying a lively schedule of events. At the **Meadowbrook Farm Fall Open House**, 1827 Society members toured the former home and garden of Mr. and Mrs. J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. and took advantage of their 20 percent discount on plant sales in the retail shop. Members also enjoyed a special treat at **Longwood Gardens** with a personal tour in late September of the spectacular mum display before the start of the Chrysanthemum Festival. PHS membership director Suzanne Betts says, "This was an amazing behind-the-scenes tour led by Longwood experts."

The PHS Annual Fund

A gift to the **PHS Annual Fund** is an important investment in PHS's **Philadelphia Green** program, the nation's most comprehensive urban greening program. Philadelphia Green supports community gardens, revitalizes neighborhood parks, organizes tree plantings, and cares for spectacular civic landscapes throughout the city. Through these projects, with support from our most generous supporters, PHS carries out its mission to *motivate people to create a sense of community through horticulture*. Please consider making a tax-deductible year-end gift to the PHS Annual Fund.

Easy ways to make a PHS Annual Fund contribution:

Mail – Send a check to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103. Make checks payable to PHS.

Online – Visit our secure website at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* and click on "Give to the 2008 PHS Annual Fund."

Phone – Contact Lisa D. Bendezu, senior manager of Annual Giving, at 215-988-8794.

Email – Send an email to *lbendezu@pennhort.org*.

United Way – PHS's United Way Donor Option ID Number is 06197.

2008 PHS Awards

Distinguished Achievement Medal

Robert A. Bartlett, Jr.

As chairman and CEO of Bartlett Tree Experts, Robert Bartlett has devoted his entire professional career to arboriculture.

Bartlett Tree Experts, which was founded as the F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company in 1907, celebrated its 100th anniversary in June 2007 and is now the world's leading scientific tree- and shrub-care company. Under Robert's leadership, the company has expanded operations in the United States, as well as to Canada, the United Kingdom, and Ireland. Robert is committed to educating students, professionals, and the public about proper tree and shrub care, and has encouraged the company staff to oversee grants for scholarships at 22 U.S. colleges and universities; speak to community groups and garden clubs; conduct seminars for professionals; and offer time and expertise to municipalities, educational institutions, and homeowners.

Robert and his wife, Kate, are avid gardeners and have shown an extraordinary commitment to the Philadelphia Flower Show and PHS. As an award-winning exhibitor at and longtime sponsor of the Philadelphia Flower Show, Bartlett Tree Experts has provided millions of Show visitors with a treasure trove of information on tree care and maintenance. Bartlett also sponsors Bartlett Day for professionals at the Show each year.

Beyond the Flower Show, Bartlett's support of PHS's Philadelphia Green program has been gracious in providing in-kind assistance for trees in the city, which has made Philadelphia a more beautiful place for residents and visitors.

Certificates of Merit

Kathryn Andersen

Kathryn Andersen's horticultural interests are considerable and far-reaching. She is past president of the American Daffodil Society, National Chrysanthemum Society, the North American Lily Society, and the Delaware Center for Horticulture. She serves as secretary of the International Bulb Society and director and secretary of the North American Clivia Society. Kathy has traveled the world on plant expeditions and has earned her judging credentials from several national plant societies and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

In 2001, Kathy and her family started Charlestown Farm, a 40-acre organic CSA (community supported agriculture) farm in Chester County. At PHS, Kathy has served on Council and judged at the Philadelphia Flower Show. She also volunteers on the Ask-a-Gardener Committee.

Gregorio P. Cojulun, Jr.

Philadelphia parks are Greg Cojulun's passion. As president for the past decade of the Friends of Malcolm X Park in West Philadelphia, Greg has motivated his neighbors to help transform it into one of Philadelphia's most attractive parks. Malcolm X Park now boasts new pathways, two tot lots, benches, and new bathroom facilities thanks to funds Greg helped to raise.

At PHS, Greg serves on the Parks Revitalization Project Steering Committee and the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board. He has also served as a panelist and speaker for the Philadelphia Green Winter Skills Conference.

Ann and Frank Reed

Ann and Frank Reed are tremendous supporters of PHS. They have generously given their time, talents, and resources to an organization that is very important to them. Ann and Frank have one of the most beautiful gardens in Philadelphia, and they share it with PHS members for events, such as PHS Garden Tours and upper-level celebrations.

Ann chaired the PHS Council from 1996 to 2000 and has served on almost every committee. Although she's now retired from Council, she continues to serve on several PHS committees and is ever-present at the Flower Show, chairing the Concierge Committee, leading Early Morning Tours, and photographing winning entries and exhibits for the Exhibitors & Awards Luncheon presentation.

Frank Reed is equally supportive of PHS. For many years he was the fearless leader for the "Grumpy Old Men." This cheerful group of retirees meets and greets Show visitors who arrive on charter busses. The Grumpy Old Men tell people where to go and what to do—a dream job for a bunch of retired executives. (Frank retired as president and CEO of CoreStates Philadelphia National Bank in 1995.)

Travel with Us: PHS Trips for 2009

Gardens in Charleston, with Visits to Savannah and Kiawah

April 14 – 19

A spring visit to Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, is a horticultural delight, with azaleas in bloom, wisteria framing doorways, and carefully tended beds in walled gardens. Both cities have long charmed visitors with their interesting architecture, fascinating history, beautiful gardens, and gracious way of life. We'll visit choice private gardens and experience Southern hospitality first-hand.

In addition to private gardens, we will visit Drayton Hall in Charleston, an outstanding example of Georgian Palladian style, as well as beautiful Middleton Place, site of the oldest landscaped gardens in America. Also on the itinerary is a visit to Kiawah Island, a barrier island near Charleston. Overnight accommodations are at the Meeting Street Inn in Charleston.

Betsy Gullan, PHS education manager for member activities, and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours will lead this six-day tour.

Gardens in Westchester County, NY

May 18 – 21

PHS members and guests will travel to Westchester County, New York, just north of New York City, to see private gardens large and small at the peak of bloom. These gardens are located on large estates, on small plots of land artfully designed to maximize the use of space, and on steep hillsides or rolling hills. One site even has a small "zoo" with several hundred animals and birds.

We'll also visit Wave Hill, an impressive public garden in the northern Bronx with stunning views of the palisades along the Hudson River. Storm King Art Center, a large outdoor sculpture garden on the west side of the Hudson River, is also included in the itinerary. Overnight accommodations will be in Tarrytown, New York.

Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne and Betsy Gullan, PHS education manager for members' activities, will accompany the group.

The Borders & Southwest of Scotland with Jane Pepper

June 7 – 17

Jane Pepper will lead a PHS tour to her home country, Scotland. The group will spend a few days in the "Borders," to the south of Edinburgh, where rich arable farming country combines with stunning scenery. The area is home to many superb gardens, both historic and newly created.

The tour will then proceed to the Southwest coast, a narrow, fertile dairy-farming plain between the Galloway Hills and little port towns on the Solway Firth. The gardens in this region, where the climate is mild, are full of plants too tender to grow in much of the British Isles.

Itineraries are available on the PHS website or by contacting Betsy Gullan at *bgullan@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8778.

Middleton Place, Charleston

Photo: Mick Hales

Wave Hill

Photo: Ann Senior

Caelaverock Castle, Dumfries, Scotland

2008 Community Greening Award

The Community Greening Award celebrates public green spaces in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The annual award is a joint project of **PHS** and **Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful**, a nonprofit that promotes and protects Pennsylvania's natural and community environments. It recognizes those who have made a difference by planting and maintaining quality green spaces that are open to the public. The 2008 awardees are listed below (alphabetically by municipality). For more information about the Community Greening Award, please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897.

McKean Traffic Triangle, McKean, PA

Asbury United Methodist Church, Allentown, PA
Burnside Plantation Colonial Garden, Bethlehem, PA
General Butler Bridge Beautification Project, Butler, PA
Hank's Place, Chadds Ford, PA
New Seasons at Clarks Summit, Clarks Summit, PA
Still Meadow Stormwater Basin, Collegeville, PA
Danville Town Entrance, Danville, PA
Vine Street Pocket Park, Delanco, NJ
Dover Township Municipal Building, Dover, PA
Penn State Master Gardeners Demo Gardens at Neshaminy Manor, Doylestown, PA
Triangle Park, Doylestown, PA
St. Francis Retreat House Inc., Easton, PA
Cheltenham Avenue Inter-Municipal Tree Planting Project, Elkins Park, PA
Route 8 & Kittanning Street Traffic Island, Etna, PA
Southwest Gardens Memorial Park, Farrell, PA
Maris Grove, Glen Mills, PA
Sharpe Park, Haverford, PA
Discovery Garden at Legion Park, Hollidaysburg, PA
Jean Anderson Rose Garden, Huntingdon, PA
Butterfly Garden, Kennett Square, PA
Waywood Traffic Island, Kennett Square, PA
Conestoga House and Gardens, Lancaster, PA
Fischer's Park, Lansdale, PA
St. Stanislaus Church, Lansdale, PA
Leetsdale Roadside Beautification Project, Leetsdale, PA
Hufnagle Park, Lewisburg, PA
Macungie Flower Park, Macungie, PA
McKean Traffic Triangle, McKean, PA
McKeesport Garden Club for ongoing maintenance of Renziehausen Park, McKeesport, PA
Borough of Milford, Milford, PA
Remembrance Place, Milford, PA
Moravian Hall Square, Nazareth, PA
Essex County Courts Complex, Newark, NJ
Palmyra Cove Nature Park, Palmyra, NJ
Palmyra Town Square, Palmyra, PA
Marian Stefano Meditation Garden, Pennsburg, PA
Penn Alexander School Urban Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA
Society Hill Towers, Philadelphia, PA
The Chestnut Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
Dobson Lot, Pittsburgh, PA
Forest Hills Park, Pittsburgh, PA
Lincoln Place Garden, Pittsburgh, PA
McKnight Road Community Garden, Pittsburgh, PA
Mellwood Lot, Pittsburgh, PA
North Canal Street and Cedar Avenue Garden, Pittsburgh, PA
Olde Allegheny Community Gardens, Pittsburgh, PA
The Pittsburgh Project, Pittsburgh, PA
The Point Garden, Pittsburgh, PA
Pulaski Elementary School, Pulaski, PA
Gateway Park, Reading, PA
Lauers Park Elementary School, Reading, PA
Riverton Porch Club, Riverton, NJ
Salvation Army, Sharon, PA
Town of Sharon Beautification Project, Sharon, PA
Scott Arboretum, Swarthmore, PA
Swarthmore Public Library, Swarthmore, PA
Mercer County Geriatric Center, Trenton, NJ
Tarentum Bridge Triangle, Tarentum, PA
Mitchell House, Troy, PA
Ann's Choice, Warminster, PA
Celoron Park, Warren, PA
Crescent Park, Warren, PA
General Joseph Warren Park, Warren, PA
Warren General Hospital, Warren, PA
Warren Municipal Building, Warren, PA
Sts. Simon & Jude Church, West Chester, PA
Manor Creek Streamside Habitat, Whitemarsh, PA
Brandon Park, Williamsport, PA
Rockford Park, Wilmington, DE
Rockwood Mansion Park, Wilmington, DE
Salesianum School, Wilmington, DE
Wawaset Plaza, Wilmington, DE
Windsor Manor Elementary School, Windsor, PA
Wyomissing Centennial Circle, Wyomissing, PA
Haddon Heights Passenger & Freight Station, Haddon Heights, NJ

PHS Education Director Eva Ray to Retire

After more than 20 years at PHS, Eva Ray will retire this December. A decade ago, Eva took on the role of education director during a reorganization to consolidate programs into the Education Services department. Her job was to create a new structure for a wide range of PHS education initiatives, including community, youth, and member programs; special educational events; and the PHS McLean Library. During her tenure, the Education Services department blossomed and now runs classes and trainings across the region, as well as at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Trained as an art historian, Eva arrived at PHS in 1988, having previously worked as assistant curator of Indian art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She worked with executive vice president Blaine Bonham to support him in managing Philadelphia Green and then became increasingly involved with broader PHS activities and programs.

Looking back, Eva is particularly proud of the role she played in PHS's move in 1996 from Old City to our current headquarters at 20th & Arch Streets. "I supervised the move and worked with the designer on creating our new home," says Eva. "I felt that it had to be stylish without looking corporate or overly ornate. It had to reflect the values of the organization, and I think we truly accomplished that." Outside of PHS, Eva also serves as board chair for the Asian Arts Initiative.

Says Blaine Bonham: "Thanks to Eva's work, PHS now has a highly integrated and talented team of educators who are dedicated to carrying out our mission through many teaching and learning opportunities. I join Jane Pepper and the entire staff in extending a huge thank-you to Eva for directing this process so ably for the past decade."

Flower Show Tours—The Perfect Holiday Gift!

Book Your Early Morning Tour Today

Early Morning Tours at the Philadelphia Flower Show make great holiday gifts! These exclusive tours are held from 8 am to 10 am on weekday mornings, before the Show opens to the public. **Small groups of eight to 12 people** are led by knowledgeable Flower Show guides. Furthermore, early morning tour participants are invited to use the PHS members' lounge throughout the day of their tour.

The cost for the package is **$105/person and $85 for PHS members.** Reservations (for individuals and groups) are required for all early morning tours; space is limited. For more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *earlymorningtours@pennhort.org*.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Abington Township, PA

Holiday Decorations for Your Home

Thursday, November 20, 10 am – 12 noon

There are many places to add greens, cones, and berries inside and outside the home for the holidays. **Sharon Kaszan** will introduce you to many plant materials that can be used to create beautiful displays for your mantles, vases and tabletops. She will guide you as you create your own hanging greens arrangement for indoors or out. Please bring scissors and hand-pruners. **Limit 20. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

Tour: The Legacy of Liddon Pennock

Wednesday, December 10, 10 – 11:30 am

This in-depth tour of Meadowbrook Farm's noted Robert McGoodwin-designed estate will include an expanded discussion on the style of J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., the well-traveled philanthropist, floral designer to the elite, and host to many famous dignitaries. Travel back to a time when elegance and whimsy reigned in both his home and garden. **Tom Reber** and volunteer docents will lead this event. **Limit: 30. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

FREE LECTURE SERIES

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor two multi-session courses: *Grasses, Rushes and Sedges* and *Park, Cemetery and Garden: The Landscapes of Philadelphia.* These courses are free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Participants will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement. **Pre-registration for both courses begins on November 17, 2008. To pre-register, please call the Wagner Institute at 215-763-6529 ext. 23.**

Grasses, Rushes and Sedges

Mondays, January 12 to February 23, 2009 (no class January 19), 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

The grasses are arguably the most important family of plants in terms of human impact. Nearly every world food culture has a member of the grass family as its major protein source. Grasses are also the dominant group of plants in many ecosystems. The productive farmlands in the central United States, as well as in other parts of the world, owe their existence to many years of grassland foliage decomposing to produce rich topsoil. Taught by **Dr. Karen Snetselaar**, this course will provide a general overview of grasses and their relatives.

Karen Snetselaar is professor and chair of biology at St. Joseph's University and professor of biology at the Wagner Free Institute of Science. She is a botanist who specializes in plant symbiosis and fungi.

Park, Cemetery and Garden: The Landscapes of Philadelphia

Mondays, March 23 to April 27, 2009, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

William Penn promised that Philadelphia would be "a green countrie towne" and indeed, with its five open squares, it is the first American city to be planned around landscapes. Taught by **Dr. Michael J. Lewis,** this course will examine the landscape tradition in Philadelphia, covering such topics as Quaker attitudes toward the useful and practical arts, the role of parks in promoting public health and safe drinking water, and the development of the modern public cemetery. Each week will focus on a case study of a particular landscape and its place in American history, including Fairmount Park, Laurel Hill Cemetery, and Bartram's Garden. The course will include an optional field trip.

Michael J. Lewis is Faison-Pierson-Stoddard Professor of Art at Williams College, where he teaches the history of American art. He has written extensively about the history and culture of Philadelphia, including *Frank Furness: Architecture and the Violent Mind* (2001). In 2008 he received a Guggenheim Grant for his forthcoming book, *City of Refuge: The Alternative Utopian Tradition.*

EVENING LECTURE

Niwaki: Pruning, Training, and Shaping Trees the Japanese Way

PHS Auditorium
100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia
Monday, November 10, 6 pm

Niwaki means "garden tree," defining it as something grown in the garden rather than the wild. Its implications, however, are much broader, as we will experience when **Jake Hobson** gives us a fascinating look at how the Japanese garden can be seen as landscape, intrinsically linked to Japan itself through the deliberate shaping of trees. The trees in these gardens are trained and pruned to reflect the landscapes and culture, and the various techniques have grown into art forms that we in the West refer to as "cloud pruning." Using examples from well-known temple gardens in Kyoto, obscure temples in mountainous regions, and private gardens all over the country, Jake will cover the main species and styles and suggest how we can adapt these ideas to our own gardens.

Jake Hobson studied sculpture at Slade School of Fine Art, University College, London, where he became interested in the culture of Japan. A trip there introduced him to Japanese gardens and the idea of pruning trees to fit into a garden landscape. He worked for five years at Architectural Plants nursery in Sussex, England, where he applied Japanese pruning techniques to a range of plants. He now operates a business with his wife, Keiko, importing tripod ladders and pruning tools from Japan, and has a small nursery in Dorset. Jake hosted visitors on a PHS trip to Dorset last June. His book, *Niwaki, Pruning, Training and Shaping Trees the Japanese Way* was published by Timber Press in 2007 and will be available for signing after his presentation.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments and wine. Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.

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Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

Name:_____ Member ID#_____

Guest(s):_____
(if a guest will be accompanying you,please provide name)

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: (day)_____ (evening)_____

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CITY GARDENING SERIES

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org, *or contact Marilyn Reynolds at* citygardening@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8872.*

Indoor Culinary Herb Garden
Monday, November 3, 4 – 5 pm
Widener Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2808 W. Lehigh Avenue

Drying and Preserving Fresh Flowers
Wednesday, November 5, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute,
Free Library of Philadelphia
1905 Locust Street

Attracting Birds to Your Garden
Saturday, November 8, 10 am – 12 noon
Bartram's Garden
54th St. and Lindbergh Blvd.

Growing Herbs Indoors
Monday, November 10, 4 – 5 pm
Queen Memorial Branch,
Free Library of Philadelphia
1201 S. 23rd Street

Windowsill Gardening-Herbs
Wednesday, November 12, 4 – 5 pm
Lillian Marrero Branch,
Free Library of Philadelphia
601 W. Lehigh Avenue

Flower Arranging for the Holidays
Monday, November 17, 1 – 2 pm
Walnut Park Plaza Senior Residence
6250 Walnut Street

Houseplants-Your Winter Garden
Wednesday, December 3, 6 – 7 pm
South Philadelphia Branch,
Free Library of Philadelphia
1700 S. Broad Street

Bus trip and tour, Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, PA
Friday, December 5, 8:30 am – 3 pm

This guided tour will include the East Conservatory as well as non-public areas of Longwood Gardens. We will see the Production Greenhouses and learn about Longwood's state-of-the-art growing facilities and techniques. After the tours, you can wander on your own and have lunch at the Terrace Restaurant. **The bus will leave PHS, 100 North 20th Street, at 8:30 am SHARP, returning to Philadelphia by 3 pm.** Snacks and refreshments will be supplied. Space is limited; **registration and a $5 fee are required by Thursday, November 27. To register or for more information, please call Marilyn Reynolds at 215-988-8872.**

Flower Show Wins Eight International Awards

The 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show has won eight Pinnacle Awards from the International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA). The announcement was made in September at the annual gathering of 1,000 representatives of festivals and special events from around the world.

The IFEA honored the PHS organizational website with a gold award and named Philadelphia Green one of the best community outreach programs of its kind in the world.

The Flower Show won top awards for its "*Jazz It Up*!" hat, pin, TV promotion, and event video. The Show also was cited in the international competition for best children's programming and street banners.

Garden Tea at the Philadelphia Flower Show

Treat yourself and your companions to the elegant Garden Tea at the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show. Enjoy a light menu of petit sandwiches, pastry, fruit, and an assortment of fine teas. Seating is limited, so make a reservation today!

March 1 through 8
Two seatings daily: 12:30 – 2 pm & 3:45 – 5:15 pm
Admission: $28 per person plus Flower Show admission. (*Note: Same-day Flower Show admission is required and is not included in the price of Garden Tea.*)

To make a reservation, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8879.

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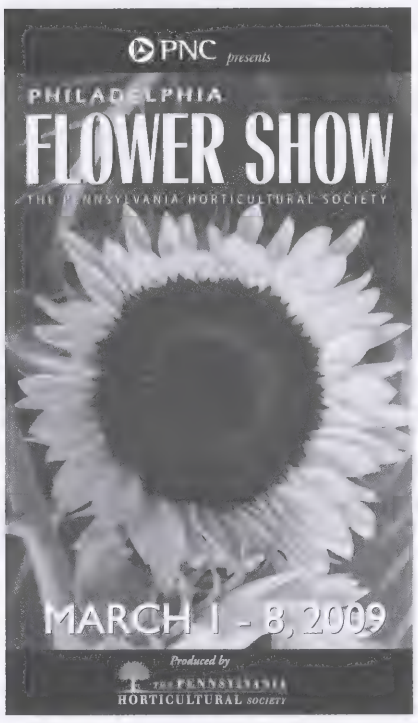

2009 Philadelphia Flower Show to Celebrate Italy

March 1 – 8, 2009

The enchanting landscapes, gardens and culture of Italy, which have thrilled visitors and artists for centuries, will serve as the inspiration for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, *Bella Italia.* The Show will be held from March 1 through 8 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, with the PHS Members Preview on Saturday, February 28th.

"We're going to showcase the diverse garden traditions of Italy and offer a glimpse of what you experience when you go to this beautiful and intriguing country," explains Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney. "It's about the allure of Italy, the artistry, and the passion."

The Entrance Garden of the 2009 Show will capture the majesty of ancient Rome, with its formal gardens of statuary, topiary, manicured hedges, and

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PHS Launches Partnership with Keep America Beautiful

PHS has been invited to serve as a consultant to Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (KAB), a national organization that focuses on preventing litter, reducing waste, and beautifying communities. The partnership will be formally announced in December at the Keep America Beautiful national conference in Washington, DC.

"PHS has an outstanding reputation in the areas of greening and beautification," says Matt McKenna, president & CEO of KAB. "Keep America Beautiful is delighted to partner with PHS to share their expertise with our national network of affiliates. We look forward to creating national exposure for PHS resulting in greener, more beautiful cities nationwide."

During the past year and a half, Michael Groman, PHS senior director for state and national outreach, has surveyed KAB's 600 community affiliates to determine how PHS can best address their needs. While KAB has well-established litter reduction and recycling programs, the organization would like to expand its community greening initiatives. PHS will support KAB affiliates by offering workshops and presentations at national KAB conferences, as well as "webinars," live presentations over the Internet. PHS will also share its research and technical expertise through its McLean Library, publications, and website.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to work with a great organization with an extensive national track record," Groman says. "It will allow PHS to empower people all over the country who care about greening."

Thank You to PHS Volunteers

As 2008 comes to an end, PHS extends its gratitude to the thousands of volunteers who work throughout the year to fulfill the PHS mission of *creating a sense of community through horticulture.* Volunteers donate their time to serve on committees, direct visitors at the Flower Show, staff the "Garden Q & A" help-line, welcome PHS members to their private gardens, and much more.

Please visit the PHS website to view a complete list of all those who served on PHS committees during 2008, as well as those who hosted PHS Garden Visits. From all of us at PHS, our heartfelt thanks!

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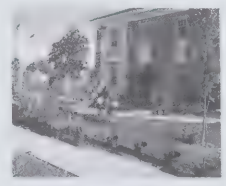

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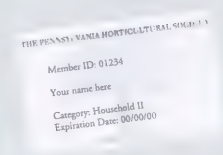

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On the PHS Website!

www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org

Click on "Flower Show" for complete details on the upcoming 2009 Show, *Bella Italia.*

TIP:

Flower Show tickets make great holiday gifts! Purchase tickets at www.theflowershow.com.

New Schedule for *PHS News*

PHS News begins a bi-monthly schedule with this issue. The new schedule is as follows:

December/January
February/March
April/May
June/July
August/September
October/November

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jane Carroll, editor, at 215-988-8768 or *editnews@pennhort.org.*

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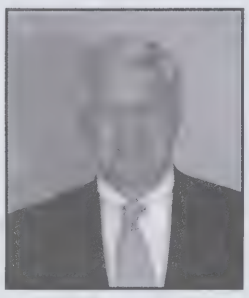
PEPPERPOT

Changing of the Chairs

It gives me great pleasure, in this Pepperpot, to write about two special people in PHS leadership: **Harry E. Hill** and **John K. Ball**, the outgoing and incoming chairs of PHS Council. The governing board of PHS, the Council is composed of up to 40 dedicated men and women. Every two years this group selects its chair, who can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

For the past four years Harry Hill has served as an extraordinarily effective Council chair. Harry's approach to life is "let's do it," and he sets about figuring how to accomplish each task in the most positive, effective manner. Staff members never tire of hearing Harry utter a word that we will forever associate with him—"*Terrific*!"

Not only has Harry brought an endless supply of good cheer and enthusiasm to all that we do, but PHS has also benefited enormously from his business acumen. He has a keen ability to help us define problems and find solutions that achieve the delicate balance all nonprofit organizations must strike—that between money and mission.



Harry Hill

When he started his volunteer "career" at PHS, Harry would probably not have identified himself as a fundraiser, but we are most grateful that he and his wife, Louise, have not only made generous gifts to PHS themselves but have also been wonderfully supportive of the money-raising activities we have initiated since Harry came on board.

Harry, from all your fans at PHS, thank you for your very special help over the past four years.

Our new chair is John Ball. John's initial introduction to PHS was through the Flower Show Preview Dinner. Friends invited him and his wife, Elinor, as their guests one year, and after that they were hooked on the Show. John soon joined the Preview Dinner Committee, and as he learned more about the Philadelphia Green projects that are funded partially through the dinner, he said he knew that "this was an institution in which I wanted to become deeply involved."

Outside of PHS, John is president of Shoemaker Construction Co., and he has roots in several community organizations besides PHS, including the General Building Contractors Association, The Reinvestment Fund, and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

John K. Ball

As PHS chair, John wants to ensure that PHS's impact on communities continues to grow through the Flower Show, Philadelphia Green, and our education programs. He believes in the power of PHS to enhance the cross-boundary connections between city and suburbs and between people of different ethnic and economic backgrounds. PHS executive vice president Blaine Bonham, who has worked closely with John as chair of the Green City Strategy Committee, says, "John is the perfect person to chair our Council at this moment in PHS's history."

Thank you, John, for making this wonderful commitment to PHS.

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Holiday shopping is a pleasure at the Meadowbrook Farm gift shop in Abington Township, PA. "We provide a relaxing atmosphere where people can take their time and find the perfect present," says Meadowbrook's Jessica Story. "The items we carry are carefully selected, and there really is something for everyone!"

Monogrammed wine-bottle stoppers, hand-painted ornaments, candle snuffers, and a selection of taper and pillar candles are among the elegant offerings. "Soap rocks"—bars of soap resembling precious gems like amber and amethyst—are another favorite.

One of Meadowbrook's most popular offerings is the **Flower Show Gift Pack**, which includes:

- Two tickets to the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show (plus the Shopper's Delight discount card, good for 10 percent off purchases at the Flower Show Shoppe)
- A beautiful poinsettia or blooming plant
- A stylish holiday greeting card

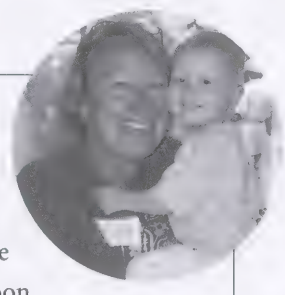
"We first introduced the Gift Pack last year and it was a big hit," Jessica says. "It gives the recipient something to look forward to long after the holidays have ended."

For winter-weary folks who can't wait for the Flower Show to start, Meadowbrook Farm hosts the **Flower Show "Behind-the-Scenes" Tour** in their greenhouses. Scheduled for **February 18 at 10 am**, the tour will give visitors a preview of the hundreds of plants the Meadowbrook staff forces for Show exhibitors. "There's a great energy in the greenhouses because the Show is only 10 days away at that point," Jessica says. "It's a spectacular sight in February to see so many fun and exotic plant species." To learn more about the tour, turn to page 7.

Don't forget the Meadowbrook Farm Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 5 pm. Bring the whole family!

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
www.gotomeadowbrook.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10am – 5pm.
Holiday Hours on December 24 and 31; 10am – 2pm.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Nancy Greenwood



If there is one word to describe veteran PHS volunteer Nancy Greenwood, it would be *dynamo*. Nancy joined PHS shortly after moving to Philadelphia in the 1970s, and she soon began volunteering for the Garden Q & A and as a City Gardens Contest judge.

Over the past three decades, she has grown and donated plants for the annual members' Plant Dividend and has served as co-chair of the popular PHS garden visits. As a long-time member of the Membership and Education committees, Nancy takes part in lively planning discussions. "I'm impressed with PHS's efforts to plan services and education programs for a wide range of members," she says, "including the way it has begun to reach out to younger members and those living outside the Greater Philadelphia region."

At the Philadelphia Flower Show, Nancy's energy has been truly indispensable. At the 2009 Show, *Bella Italia*, she will serve as co-chair of Horticulture Classes, with Andrew Bunting, for the second time. The co-chairs work throughout the year leading up to each Show to coordinate the entire process of individual entries. This includes choosing new entry classes, refining the rules, developing criteria for judging, overseeing the layout of the displays, and fielding questions from exhibitors. Nancy explains that they also coordinate and oversee a large group of volunteers "who are willing and able to be at the Show at 6:30 am on each entry day to help shepherd exhibitors through the entry process."

A passionate gardener, Nancy's zeal is hard to fathom for the casual home gardeners among us. Each year she grows hundreds of plants from seeds, cuttings, and bulbs and nurtures acres of gardens, including a large food garden. Shade plants are one of her special interests, including native wildflowers and Asian woodland plants.

Nancy's involvement with PHS has brought her tremendous satisfaction. "I treasure my close ties to PHS," says Nancy, "because of the efforts of staff and volunteers working together to carry out the mission of the organization, and the scope and consistency of those efforts.

"Gardeners are among the world's most interesting people," she adds. "The fantastic people I've met through PHS are a much-cherished bonus."

Hundreds Turn out for Fall For Your Park

Three hundred volunteers from around the city brought fresh paint, fresh plantings, and a fresh spirit to Olney Recreation Center and neighboring Tacony Creek Park on Saturday, October 4, for Fall for Your Park. This annual workday and cleanup focuses on one city park for a concentrated, three-hour makeover.

Volunteers from dozens of neighborhood park groups, local universities and schools, churches, community organizations, and garden clubs planted 500 bulbs and perennials, 43 shrubs, and 23 trees. They also removed seven tons of trash and invasive plants.

"This year's Fall For Your Park really brought the community together," says Jennifer Mahar, Philadelphia Green's parks network coordinator. "The plantings at the recreation center, especially those around the entrance, should impress visitors with the beauty and importance of greening and gardening."

The event was co-sponsored by PHS, the Department of Recreation, Fairmount Park Commission, Olney Recreation Center Advisory Council, and Philadelphia Green's Parks Revitalization Project. Support was provided by PA Cleanways, Mantis, Smith & Hawken, and the William Penn Foundation. Fall for Your Park is part of NeighborWoods Month, a project created by the Alliance for Community Trees and sponsored by the Home Depot Foundation.

PHS Partnership to Share in Grant for River Festivals

PHS and several partners have received a $63,000 grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) to present "River City Festivals – Delaware Revealed." Together with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, the Fishtown Business Association, and the Fishtown Neighbors Association, PHS will help produce spring and fall festivals along the riverfront in Fishtown designed to reconnect the community to the Delaware River.

Proposed activities include a Spring Shad Festival at Penn Treaty Park, located on the riverfront, in April 2009; a fall "River City Festival;" and interpretive boat tours of the river hosted jointly by PHS and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

The festivals will celebrate the cultural life of the Fishtown community and offer a wide range of educational and recreational activities. "PHS is excited to have an opportunity to participate in historic interpretation of the Delaware River and its importance to the land and people of our city," says Philadelphia Green senior director Joan Reilly.

Funding for this project comes from the "Take Me to the River" grant program, administered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission with funding from the William Penn Foundation.

PHS Helps Make Norristown Greener

Downtown Norristown was made a little greener on October 18 when more than 60 trees, shrubs, and perennials were planted around Norristown Municipal Hall to revitalize the area through greening and extend the work of PHS to the counties surrounding Philadelphia.

PHS worked in partnership with the municipality of Norristown and the Montgomery County Planning Commission to lead more than 30 volunteers in the planting; it's part of a new initiative to revitalize Norristown's downtown area by adding trees and new landscaping. Studies show that "forested" urban shopping districts attract more people and are more profitable.

Trees ready for planting at Norristown's Municipal Hall

Michael Groman, PHS senior director for state and national outreach, says the project kicks off a new partnership between PHS and Norristown to create a comprehensive greening program for the municipality, which is the Montgomery County seat. "We will focus on the Main Street area first to make it more inviting to people and businesses," says Groman. "Plans include future projects at the courthouse, Norristown Transportation Center, and the grounds of other municipal buildings, as well as areas along the Schuylkill River Trail."

Going forward, PHS hopes to broaden the Norristown greening agenda beyond the downtown and build coalitions with neighborhood groups to revitalize parks and gardens in residential areas. The work will be modeled on PHS's Philadelphia Green program in Philadelphia.

"We hope this is the first of what will be many successful greening projects in Norristown," says Norristown Municipal Administrator David Forrest.

The plants at Municipal Hall, including several varieties of hydrangea, holly, dogwoods, and daylilies, were generously donated by longtime PHS members Phil and Eileen Askey, who own Askey Nursery in Wallingford, Pa. The event was coordinated by Jean Holland, and the planting design was created by Sean Metrick, both with the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Urban Forest Gets a Boost with Fall Plantings

PHS led a massive volunteer tree-planting effort in Philadelphia and surrounding communities this fall. On two weekends in November, PHS worked with nearly 30 community groups and Fairmount Park Commission to add more than **1,000 trees** to Philadelphia's "urban forest." Most of the trees were planted along sidewalks, but planting sites also included parks and front yards.

PHS also helped 60 new trees take root this fall along a commercial gateway through Lansdowne in **Delaware County**. The project was the first step in implementing the Baltimore Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan, part of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's "Strategies for Older Suburbs" initiative. Additional tree plantings in Yardley and Morrisville, in **Bucks County**, were in concert with an economic revitalization effort known as "Landmark Towns" targeting older riverfront towns.

Funding for the trees was made available through **TreeVitalize**, a public-private partnership launched by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in 2004 to restore the tree canopy in southeastern Pennsylvania and now being introduced in metropolitan areas across the commonwealth. PHS leads the Southeast PA TreeVitalize program, using its network of volunteers who have completed the **Tree Tenders** training course, which teaches citizens how to plant and care for community trees.

"This was the biggest tree-planting effort we've undertaken in one season," says Michael Leff, TreeVitalize program manager at PHS. "Most of the trees were 'bare-root,' which are vigorous, more economical, and easier to handle—but must be planted quickly. The community volunteers really stepped up to the plate to get them all in the ground over two intense weekends."

TreeVitalize also includes **watershed restoration projects** in the region, with funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Aqua PA. This fall, tree plantings took place in all five southeastern Pennsylvania counties. Trees were planted along streams and rivers to protect water quality, as well as in stormwater management areas to mitigate flooding.

Sign up Now for Trees

Community tree planting groups must submit applications to receive 10 to 100 trees through TreeVitalize. Group organizers must have completed a PHS Tree Tenders training or currently be enrolled. The **deadline will be in March or April (date to be determined) for fall 2009 trees.** For updates and more information, please visit the PHS website. You may also contact **Michael Leff at *mleff@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8795** or **Mindy Maslin at *mmaslin@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844.**

Tree Tender training classes will be held at PHS on January 10 & 17, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. You may register through the PHS website or by contacting Mindy Maslin (see above). Dates for trainings outside of the city will be announced soon.

The Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society

Supporting PHS through Planned Giving

Dr. Curtis Thomsen's beloved late wife, Alice, once said it was her wish to visit every garden in the world. Alice loved to photograph plants and gardens on the couple's many trips to Europe, and she inspired Curtis to take up gardening with her. Alice died in 2004.

"The earth laughs with flowers," reads a sign Alice purchased, which is now in a garden Curtis is planting in her memory at his Doylestown home. To honor Alice and her love of gardening, Curtis decided to establish a **charitable gift annuity** at PHS. Through his generous gift, Curtis has become a member of the Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society, a group of individuals who have included PHS in their estate plans.

Curtis, 81, chose to designate the remainder of his gift annuity to support the PHS *Legacy Landscapes* endowment campaign. When asked why he chose PHS as the beneficiary, he responded, "I've taken two trolley tours with PHS and think it's amazing what they are doing to beautify the city. Philadelphia Green is a tremendous program. PHS is giving us all the opportunity to fall in love with Philadelphia. PHS is a special organization and I want to support it in memory of Alice."

Curtis added, "Charitable annuities are easy to set up. I had some funds available and wanted to do it before I got any older. I know Alice would have loved for PHS to have this." In exchange for his gift, PHS will provide Thomsen with a guaranteed lifetime income, a portion of which is tax-free. Gift annuity rates are determined by the age of the income recipient. A gift annuity to PHS requires a minimum gift of $10,000 and minimum age of 60.

Dr. Curtis Thomsen, with his late wife Alice (above) and today (right)

For more information about the Elizabeth S. Schaffer Society or establishing a charitable gift annuity, please contact Melissa DeRuiter, senior director of development, at 215-988-8766 or email *mderuiter@pennhort.org*. All conversations will be kept in strictest confidence.

The PHS Annual Fund

A gift to the **PHS Annual Fund** is an important investment in **PHS's Philadelphia Green** program, the nation's most comprehensive urban greening program. Philadelphia Green supports community gardens, revitalizes neighborhood parks, organizes tree plantings, and cares for spectacular civic landscapes throughout the city. This year, your gift could mean even more. To help us meet our Annual Fund goal, the **Independence Foundation** has awarded PHS a Challenge Grant that will match dollar-for-dollar all new and increased gifts to the Annual Fund. Please consider making a tax-deductible year-end gift to the PHS Annual Fund.

How to Make a PHS Annual Fund Contribution:

Mail – Use the envelope provided to send gifts by check or credit card. Make checks payable to PHS.

Online – Visit our secure website at *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* and click on "Give to the PHS Annual Fund."

Phone – Contact the development office at 215-988-8762

Email – Send an email to *giving@pennhort.org.*

United Way – Consider directing your United Way gift to PHS. Simply note **Donor Option ID # 06197** on your pledge card.

IRA Rollover Provision Reinstated Through 2009

In October, President Bush signed into law the $700 billion Financial Rescue Package (H.R. 1424), which includes a two-year extension of the IRA Rollover provision as well as other charitable giving provisions.

The provision exempts from taxable income any funds transferred ("rolled over") from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a charitable organization. The following limitations apply:

- The donor must be age 70½ or older.
- The cap on annual IRA rollovers is $100,000.
- The contribution must be a direct gift to a charity (no planned gifts).

The provision is retroactive to January 1, 2008 and applies to gifts made from that date through December 31, 2009. For information about making a tax-free IRA rollover contribution or about other ways to support PHS, please contact Melissa DeRuiter, senior director of development, at 215-988-8766 or email *mderuiter@pennhort.org.*

The Solomon Challenge

Half Price for New 1827 Society Memberships

The Solomon Challenge will match **half the membership fee for any new 1827 Society membership for an entire year.** Mark and Paula Solomon, PHS friends and 1827 Society Ballard Circle members, launched the Challenge to help PHS acquire 100 new 1827 Society members. **PHS has raised more than $20,000 in new gifts** to this important leadership-level membership society.

By joining the 1827 Society now, you can take advantage of **wonderful benefits** for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, B*ella Italia* (March 1 – 8), including **12 Show tickets** and a special behind-the-scenes morning tour of the Show before it opens to the public. Members of The 1827 Society also enjoy a discount on plants at Meadowbrook Farm and an invitation to the spring 1827 Society Garden Party, as well as other unique events throughout the year.

If you are a current PHS member and would like to increase your support of PHS, the Challenge will pay half the difference between your current membership category and your 1827 Society membership. You may also choose to waive all 1827 Society benefits for a fully tax-deductible gift.

For more information, please contact Member Services at 215-988-8819.

1827 Society Events for February

Save the date for these exclusive 1827 Society events.

Inspired by the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show theme, *Bella Italia*, chef Ben Vozzo of Catering By Design will lead an **Italian Cooking Class** on Tuesday, February 3. A wine and beverage tasting will follow, concluding with the meal prepared in class.

See how exhibitors put the final touches on Flower Show displays at the **1827 Society Behind-the-Scenes Tour** on Friday, February 27.

Please do not RSVP at this time. Formal invitations will follow closer to the date of the events.

Legacy Landscapes

Legacy Landscapes is a $12.1 million campaign to establish an endowment fund to support the horticultural maintenance of PHS civic and neighborhood landscape projects.

As of November 6, 2008 *Legacy Landscapes* has raised:

Total Gifts and Pledges:	$7,278,599
Total Deferred Gifts:	$20,346

For more information on ways to participate in *Legacy Landscapes*, please contact senior director of development Melissa DeRuiter at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*, or visit *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* and click on "The Legacy Landscapes Endowment Campaign."

2009 Philadelphia Flower Show to Celebrate Italy

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tiered plantings. Exhibitors will pay tribute to several other distinctive regions and cities of Italy:

- *Milan*, international mecca of fashion and design (AIFD)
- *Florence*, the Renaissance city of Michelangelo, Botticelli and Donatello (Robertson's Flowers).
- *Tuscany*, a paradise of lush, rolling hills, vineyards, sunflowers, cypress and olive trees, and extraordinary cuisine (Burke Brothers Landscape Design).
- *Venice*, where water gardens, fountains, and canals are an integral part of life (Jamie Rothstein).
- *Lake Region*, home to the villas and gardens of Lake Como and Maggiore (Stoney Bank Nursery).
- *The Italian Riviera,* represented at the Show by an orchid-filled atrium (Waldor Orchids).

The country's top landscape and floral designers will expand on the Italian theme with gardens and displays that evoke the natural beauty, art, food, music, and people of Italy. Thousands of individual exhibitors will compete for the coveted blue ribbon in a multitude of categories, including a new "Fashion District" of Italian-inspired handbags, shoes, clothing, and jewelry. *Bella Italia* also will highlight the strong ties between Italy and the Philadelphia region, with its large Italian-American community.

Entertainment will include operatic performances, strolling mandolin players, folk dancers, and costumed actors reminiscent of those found in the piazzas of Italy.

Garden Tips to Take Home

As always, gardening know-how and ideas will be at the forefront of the Flower Show, and exhibitors will provide attendees with an endless array of tips for creating their own dream gardens at home. Exhibits will emphasize the importance of "going green" and will demonstrate state-of-the-art, sustainable techniques for urban, suburban and rural environments. PHS will showcase its innovative programs to engage children, families, and volunteers year-round.

In addition, visitors can enjoy free daily lectures and demonstrations on topics ranging from flower arranging to growing herbs to container gardening and more. Free live cooking presentations by local celebrity chefs will be held three times a day. Not surprisingly, Italian recipes will take center-stage.

For more information about the 2009 Flower Show, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call the Show information line at 215-988-8899.

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Indulge yourself with Garden Tea at the 2009 Flower Show. Step into elegant and serene surroundings with soothing music and gorgeous floral displays. Enjoy a light menu of petit tea sandwiches, pastries, fruit, and an assortment of fine teas. Reservations are available now.

March 1 – 8, two seatings daily
12:30 – 2 pm & 3:45 – 5:15 pm

Admission: $28 per person plus Flower Show admission. **Same-day Flower Show admission is required and is not included in the price of Tea.**

To make a reservation, please visit *www.theflowershow.com* or call 215 988-8879. Seating is pre-assigned at tables for four to five people. Seating is limited!

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Philadelphia Flower Show Preview Reception & Dinner

February 28, 2009

Tickets are now on sale for the Preview Reception and Dinner, an elegant black-tie gala that offers guests an exclusive view of the Flower Show the night before it opens to the public. This year's event will be a festive evening of music, flowers, fashion, and food with an Italian flair, in keeping with the 2009 Show theme, *Bella Italia.*

The Preview will be held on **Saturday, February 28, 2009, beginning at 6 pm, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.** Funds raised at the Preview provide critical support to PHS's urban greening program, Philadelphia Green.

For information or to request an invitation, please contact Ellen Wheeler at *ewheeler@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8830.

Get Set for Flower Show Week

March 1 – 8, 2009

Take advantage of discounts to fabulous **restaurants**, **attractions**, and **retail stores** during the week of the Philadelphia Flower Show, March 1 through 8, 2009. Pick up your **Bloomin' Fun Pass**, which lists participating vendors and discounts. Fun Passes will be available at SEPTA stations, the Philadelphia International Airport, area malls, and other locations beginning in January. They will also be available at the Information Center at the Show.

Visit the Flower Show website to vote for your favorite display when area businesses compete in the **Phlower Power Window Decorating Contest**, from February 23 through 27. Winners will be announced on February 28.

For more information, visit *www.theflowershow.com* and click on "Attractions/Flower Show Week." You can view and print Bloomin' Fun offers on the site.

Volunteers Needed for the Flower Show!

Philadelphia Flower Show, March 1 – 8, 2009

There are many different opportunities to become involved in the Flower Show. Here is a sampling:

Exhibitor Aides: Help transport plants.

Runners: Carry cards for plant entries to and from typing table.

Recorders: Log information on plant entries.

Clerks: Assist judging teams and place ribbons.

Infonet: Welcome and direct visitors or staff an information booth.

PHS Shoppe: Sales and service assistance

Garden Tea: Help serve formal tea.

To sign up for one of these jobs at the Flower Show, **please contact Susan Strawbridge at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876.** PHS has a variety of wonderful volunteer opportunities all year long. Contact Susan for more information.

Travel with Us: PHS Trips for 2009

Gardens in Charleston, with Visits to Savannah and Kiawah

April 14 – 19

A spring visit to Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, is a horticultural delight, with azaleas in bloom, wisteria framing doorways, and carefully tended beds in walled gardens. Both cities have long charmed visitors with their interesting architecture, fascinating history, beautiful gardens, and gracious way of life. We'll visit choice private gardens and experience Southern hospitality first-hand.

In addition to private gardens, we will visit Drayton Hall in Charleston, an outstanding example of Georgian Palladian style, as well as beautiful Middleton Place, site of the oldest landscaped gardens in America. Also on the itinerary is a visit to Kiawah Island, a barrier island near Charleston. Overnight accommodations are at the Meeting Street Inn in Charleston.

Betsy Gullan, PHS education manager for member activities, and Jean Lenehan of JL Tours will lead this six-day tour.

Gardens in Westchester County, NY

May 18 – 21

PHS members and guests will travel to Westchester County, New York, just north of New York City, to see private gardens large and small at the peak of bloom. These gardens are located on large estates, on small plots of land artfully designed to maximize the use of space, and on steep hillsides or rolling hills. One site even has a small "zoo" with several hundred animals and birds.

We'll also visit Wave Hill, an impressive public garden in the northern Bronx with stunning views of the palisades along the Hudson River. Storm King Art Center, a stunning large outdoor sculpture garden on the west side of the Hudson River, is also on the itinerary. Overnight accommodations will be in Tarrytown, New York.

Jean Lenehan of JL Tours in Wayne and Betsy Gullan, PHS education manager for member activities, will accompany the group.

Azalea Hillside at Middleton Place, Charleston

Visit Scottish Gardens with Jane Pepper

June 7 – 17

This trip is full, but if you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

Itineraries are available on the PHS website or by contacting Betsy Gullan at *bgullan@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8778.

McLean Library News

New Exhibit in the Library

The Garden as Theater: Italian Renaissance and Baroque Gardens
January 15 - March 31

Drawing on illustrated books and images from hand-painted glass lantern slides, this exhibit—inspired by the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show theme, *Bella Italia*—examines the design elements of a selection of Italian Renaissance and Baroque gardens. The McLean Library is open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Monthly Book and Film Discussion Groups in the McLean Library

Join "Stories from the Garden," the McLean Library's long-running book discussion group. On Thursday, December 4, from 5:45 to 7:45pm the group will discuss Rumer Godden's *An Episode of Sparrows*. Participants must read books prior to each meeting.

Do you love to watch movies and talk about them? Join us in this film discussion series, where we'll talk about movies in which nature, gardens, or the environment play a role. On Tuesday, December 16, 6 to 7:30 pm, the group will discuss *Rivers and Tides*, a documentary portrait of Andy Goldsworthy, an artist whose specialty is ephemeral sculptures made from elements of nature.

Both groups meet in the PHS McLean Library, 100 N. 20th Street in Philadelphia. Participation is free and open to all, but pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register for either group, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772.

McLean Library Receives Conservation Bookshelf

Treasured documents and historical collections held by the PHS McLean Library will be preserved for future generations with help from the Connecting to Collections Bookshelf, a set of conservation books, DVDs, reports, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the primary source of federal funding for American museums and libraries.

The McLean Library is one of 45 Pennsylvania libraries and museums selected to receive these resources this year. For more information about the award, please contact McLean Library manager Janet Evans at 215-988-8779 or *jevans@pennhort.org*.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PHS Membership – A Great Holiday Gift

Special Holiday Sale

A PHS "**Membership in a Box**" is a terrific gift idea for the gardeners on your holiday shopping list! PHS members enjoy year-round benefits including Flower Show tickets, publications, workshops, and circulation privileges in the McLean Library.

Right now, purchase any Household gift membership and receive 10 percent off the regular price of membership. Valid for new gift memberships only, this offer expires December 19, 2008. Gift recipients at the Household or Leadership level will also receive a one-time $25 credit toward a purchase from the popular mail-order nursery, White Flower Farm.

To order, please contact PHS member services at 215-988-8776. Gift memberships may only be purchased by phone.

Renew Your PHS Membership Now to Receive Flower Show Tickets

Tickets for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show will be mailed to members in February. If your membership is due to expire soon, renew as soon as possible to avoid delays in receiving your Show tickets.

To renew your membership, please call member services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832, or visit *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*; click on "Membership."

Because of a large volume of expiring memberships, we have partnered with ComNet Marketing Group, who will call members on behalf of PHS to assist with renewals. If you do not wish to be contacted by phone, please respond to renewal reminders you receive by mail or email as soon as possible.

New Vendors Offer Discounts to PHS Members

We are pleased to announce that the vendors below now offer discounts to PHS Members. Please visit company websites for dealer locations and more information. For a full list of vendors and for details on discount offers, please visit the PHS website and click on "Membership."

Green Acres Nursery and Garden Center
www.greenacreslive.com

***terrain* at Styer's**
www.terrainathome.com

BOB-CAT® mowers
www.bobcatturf.com

BUNTON® mowers
www.buntonturf.com

CLASSEN® lawn care equipment
www.classenturf.com

LITTLE WONDER® landscaping and debris management equipment
www.littlewonder.com

MANTIS® gardening and yard care equipment
www.mantisdealer.com

RYAN® turf renovation equipment
www.ryanturf.com

STEINER® tractor and grounds care equipment
www.steinerturf.com

You must present a current **PHS membership card** to receive discounts. To receive a duplicate card or to renew an expired membership, please contact Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832.

We are looking for new vendors to participate in our Members' Discount Program. If you would like us to contact a specific garden center or nursery in your area, please contact Allison Burkhart in Member Services at 215-988-1628 or *aburkhart@pennhort.org*.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Abington Township, PA

Tour: The Legacy of Liddon Pennock

Wednesday, December 10, 10 – 11:30 am

This in-depth tour of Meadowbrook Farm's noted Robert McGoodwin-designed estate will include an expanded discussion on the style of J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., the well-traveled philanthropist, floral designer to the elite, and host to many dignitaries. Travel back to a time when elegance and whimsy reigned in both his home and garden. **Tom Reber** and volunteer docents will lead this tour. **Limit: 30. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Glass Bowl Terrarium

Wednesday, January 14, 10 am – 12 noon; snow date January 15

In the depths of winter, what could be better than to brighten your home with a lush, green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure requires special attention. But once assembled, your mini plant world is easy to care for, requiring minimal pruning and limited watering. Led by Meadowbrook horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan**, this hands-on workshop offers all the necessary ingredients, including a 10-inch glass bowl, soil and moss and, of course, an assortment of small plants suitable for terrariums. **Limit: 20. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

Walk: Winter Plant Identification

Wednesday, January 28, 10 am – 12 noon; snow date January 29

Trees, shrubs, and perennials give the winter landscape its form and serve many purposes in the landscape, offering protection from winter winds, providing homes for birds and other wildlife, and reminding us of the promise of spring! Take a walking tour with **Tom Reber** through the gardens of the late J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. and the grounds of Meadowbrook Farm and learn how to identify the "bones" of the garden. See how these plants provide the framework for displays the rest of the year. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress warmly! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

2009 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Tour: Flower Show Behind the Scenes

Wednesday, February 18, 10 am – 12 noon

How do all those out-of-season plants bloom just in time for the Philadelphia Flower Show? It's a combination of art and science, and it has its joys and challenges. The magic happens at Meadowbrook Farm. Join **John Story** as he leads a tour through the greenhouses, highlighting the unusual plants being grown for displays at the 2009 Show, *Bella Italia*. You will see them first at Meadowbrook and learn the fascinating, intricate details that are part of this amazing horticultural balancing act. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS

Book Reading: *Vanished Gardens* by Sharon White

Tuesday, January 13, 6 pm, PHS Auditorium

New to living and gardening in Philadelphia, **Sharon White** takes a journey through the landscape of the city—past and present—in *Vanished Gardens*. She explores Philadelphia's gardens as a part of the city's ecosystem and reanimates the lives of gardeners and naturalists working in the area around her home. White tours the gardens of colonial botanist John Bartram; his wife, Ann; and their son William, the writer and naturalist. Other chapters focus on Deborah Logan, who kept a record of her life on a large farm in the late eighteenth century, and twentieth-century botanist and plant collector Mary Gibson Henry.

Sharon White is the author of a collection of poetry, *Bone House*. Her memoir, *Field Notes, A Geography of Mourning*, received the Julia Ward Howe Prize, Honorable Mention, from the Boston Author's Club. Some of her other awards include a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship for Creative Nonfiction, the Leeway Foundation Award for Achievement, a Colorado Council on the Arts Fellowship, and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship. Her poems, essays, and articles have appeared in many magazines and journals including *Isotope*, *House Beautiful*, *Appalachia*, *Kalliope*, and *North American Review*. She teaches writing at Temple University in Philadelphia.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The reading will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments and wine. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Brown-Bag Lunch: Tournament of Roses Parade

Tuesday, January 13, 12 noon – 1 pm, PHS Auditorium

In January 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show designer Sam Lemheney was invited to serve as a judge for the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. Sam was joined by a group of Flower Show exhibitors and PHS members led by Jane Pepper. The group had the opportunity to help decorate two floats and was hosted by Jim Folsom, director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens, for a personal tour of the garden. **Melinda Moritz** shares photos from the trip, offering a behind-the-scenes look at how the floats are decorated, as well as the visit to Huntington.

Melinda Moritz is a PHS member and volunteer. She is chair of the Education Committee and serves on the Membership Committee, the PHS Council, and Executive Committee. She is also the 2009 and 2010 Chair of the Flower Show. An award-winning Flower Show exhibitor, she is a member of the Greene Countrie Garden Club, the Philadelphia Society of Botanical Illustrators, and the American Society of Botanical Artists. **Fee: $5. Please bring a brown-bag lunch; PHS will supply beverages.**

2009 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Evening Lecture: Italian Gardens – Roman Origins, Renaissance Expressions, and American Reflections

PHS Auditorium
Tuesday, February 10, 6 pm

Get in the mood for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, *Bella Italia*, with this enchanting look at Italian gardens through history. Presented by **Harriet Henderson**, the lecture will emphasize the enormous influence Italianate garden features have had on gardens around the world, and specifically in America.

Harriet Henderson is a landscape architect and architect who practices Western and Asian design as a principal with Cushing & Henderson. She lectures widely about garden design and history, teaches garden history at the Barnes Foundation, and has traveled to Italy to study the Italian garden tradition. She has had the unique opportunity to design a large Italianate garden at Felicita near Harrisburg, PA.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The reading will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments and wine in the Library, which will feature an exhibit on Italian gardens. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

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Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

Name:_____ Member ID#_____

Guest(s):_____

(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: (day)_____ (evening)_____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number:_____ Expiration: _____

Signature:_____

FREE LECTURE SERIES

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor two multi-session courses: *Grasses, Rushes and Sedges* and *Park, Cemetery and Garden: The Landscapes of Philadelphia.* These courses are free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Participants will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement. **To pre-register, please call the Wagner Institute at 215-763-6529 ext. 23.**

Grasses, Rushes and Sedges

Mondays, January 12 to February 23, 2009 (no class January 19), 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

The grasses are arguably the most important family of plants in terms of human impact. Nearly every world food culture has a member of the grass family as its major protein source. Grasses are also the dominant group of plants in many ecosystems. The productive farmlands in the central United States, as well as in other parts of the world, owe their existence to many years of grassland foliage decomposing to produce rich topsoil. Taught by **Dr. Karen Snetselaar**, this course will provide a general overview of grasses and their relatives.

Karen Snetselaar is professor and chair of biology at St. Joseph's University and professor of biology at the Wagner Free Institute of Science. She is a botanist who specializes in plant symbiosis and fungi.

Park, Cemetery and Garden: The Landscapes of Philadelphia

Mondays, March 23 to April 27, 2009, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

William Penn envisioned Philadelphia as "a green countrie towne," and indeed, with its five open squares, it is the first American city to be planned around landscapes. Taught by **Dr. Michael J. Lewis,** this course will examine the landscape tradition in Philadelphia, including Quaker attitudes toward the useful and practical arts, the role of parks in promoting public health and safe drinking water, and the development of the modern public cemetery. Each week will focus on a case study of a particular landscape and its place in American history, including Fairmount Park, Laurel Hill Cemetery, and Bartram's Garden. The course will include an optional field trip.

Michael J. Lewis is Faison-Pierson-Stoddard Professor of Art at Williams College, where he teaches the history of American art. He has written extensively about the history and culture of Philadelphia, including *Frank Furness: Architecture and the Violent Mind* (2001). In 2008 he received a Guggenheim Grant for his forthcoming book, *City of Refuge: The Alternative Utopian Tradition.*

City Gardening Series

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Houseplants: Your Winter Garden

Wednesday, December 3, 6 – 7 pm
South Philadelphia Branch
Free Library of Philadelphia
1700 S. Broad Street

Hints for Healthy Houseplants

Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Whitman Branch
Free Library of Philadelphia
200 Snyder Avenue

African Violets and other Blooming Houseplants

Monday, January 26, 4 – 5 pm
Queen Memorial Branch
Free Library of Philadelphia
1201 S. 23rd Street

FILM SCREENING

A Man Named Pearl by Scott Galloway

Bryn Mawr Film Institute
824 W. Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA
Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 pm

A Man Named Pearl tells the inspiring story of self-taught topiary artist Pearl Fryar. Fryar began work on a three-acre garden in 1984 in an effort to win a "Yard of the Month" contest. What resulted was a fantastical world of trimmed and twisted trees, a sort of Dr. Seuss meets Edward Scissorhands, that earned him recognition from artists and botanists alike. The screening will be introduced and discussed by director **Scott Galloway**.

This event is co-sponsored by PHS and the Bryn Mawr Film Institute (BMFI). PHS members may purchase tickets to this screening for the BMFI member price of $4.50. Advance tickets will be available to PHS and BMFI members beginning November 25 through the BMFI box office. Visit *www.brynmawrfilm.org* or call 610-527-9898. General admission tickets can be purchased on the day of the event only. For more about the film, visit *www.AManNamedPearl.com.*

What's in Your Attic?

The McLean Library is seeking memorabilia from past Philadelphia Flower Shows. Please call 215-988-8779 if you are interested in donating Show-related memorabilia such as medals, posters, or other items.

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Special Events at *Bella Italia*

Philadelphia Flower Show
March 1 – 8

The Philadelphia Flower Show always has been about flowers and so much more. It is about design and creativity, competing and sharing, learning and entertaining.

The 2009 Show will broaden these horizons even more. *Bella Italia* will be an appreciation of all that Italian culture has to offer. In addition to stunning landscapes and gardens, the Show will explore the country's renowned wines, recipes, music, fashions, and crafts, providing a full immersion in *la dolce vita*.

For the first time, the Flower Show will host a **Wine and Spirits Store**, operated by the state Liquor Control Board, which will offer more than 200 Italian wines and liquors. Specially scheduled free tastings will help shoppers make the perfect choices.

Sharing spicy Italian and heart-healthy recipes, chefs from Tuscany-based Tuscana Saporita Cooking School, as well as Philadelphia's own Bistro Romano, Café Aldo Lamberti, LaScala's, Le Castagne, and Penne will hold free **cooking demonstrations.** Hosted by Chef Joseph Shilling and assisted by the chefs and students of the Art Institute of Philadelphia, the presentations will be held three times each day.

A short walk from the exhibition halls will bring visitors to the **Italian Piazza**, where they can buy olive oil,

www.theflowershow.com
Pennsylvania Convention Center

ceramics, leather goods, and other products from Italian merchants and artisans.

The Italian flair for fashion will have a prominent role in *Bella Italia*, too. The country's top floral exhibitors and landscape designers will interpret Italian style in large-scale exhibits, while individual gardeners and garden club members vie for blue ribbons for the best tie, shoes, jewelry, and evening bags—all made from flowers—in a new **Fashion District.** Visitors can take home their own Italian-made, hand-painted ceramics, Murano glass, antique cameos, and vintage pieces from the **Official PHS Flower Show Shoppe.**

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Philadelphia Flower Show
March 1 - 8, 2009
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Bella Italia

Dates: March 1 – 8, 2009

Hours: Sundays, March 1 & 8, 8 am – 6 pm
Mon. - Fri., March 2 – 6, 10 am – 9:30 pm
Saturday, March 7, 8 am – 9:30 pm

Location: Pennsylvania Convention Center
12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA

Information: 215-988-8899 (recorded information)
theflowershow.com

Advance Tickets (good any day):
Group (25+): Adults $21.50, Children $13 (ages 2–16)
Individual: Adults $22, Children $13 (ages 2–16)*

Tickets at the Door/General Admission:
Opening Day, Sunday, March 1
Adults $28, Children $13 (ages 2–16),
Students $17 (ages 17-24)**
Monday–Friday, March 2–6
Adults $24, Children $13 (ages 2–16),
Students $17 (ages 17-24)**
Saturday & Sunday, March 7 & 8
Adults $26, Children $13 (ages 2–16),
Students $17 (ages 17-24)**

*Sales Outlets: Individual tickets are available at *theflowershow.com* or at participating PNC Bank branches, AAA Mid-Atlantic branches, ACME Markets, Giant Food Stores, and SEPTA ticket sales outlets, plus local garden centers, nurseries, florists, and *ticketphiladelphia.org*. Check availability with individual outlets; service charges may apply.

**Student tickets are available at the Flower Show Box Office. Must present a valid student ID and proof of age to receive discount.

Flower Show Tours
Book Your Early Morning Tour Today!

Early Morning Tours at the Philadelphia Flower Show are held from 8 am to 10 am on weekday mornings, before the Show opens to the public. **Small groups of eight to 12 people** are led by knowledgeable Flower Show guides. Participants also receive an extra Flower Show ticket for use during regular Show hours on another day. Tour participants are also invited to use the PHS members' lounge throughout the day of their tour.

The cost for the package is **$105/person and $85 for PHS members**. Reservations (for individuals and groups) are required for all early morning tours; space is limited. For more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *earlymorningtours@pennhort.org*.

PHS Members' Preview
Saturday, February 28

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Good Friends for Challenging Times

One of the eternal joys of working at PHS is that you, our members, volunteers and Annual Fund supporters, are the most loyal of friends. As I write this column it's December, when the economic news is incredibly gloomy. Yet you are renewing your memberships and going the extra mile to make year-end gifts to help us continue our programs and to fulfill pledges you have made to *Legacy Landscapes*, our endowment campaign. You are also signing up for all kinds of volunteer roles at the Flower Show. On behalf of the staff and our board, the PHS Council, please know how much we appreciate your special support.

As you would expect, some of our revenue lines are challenged by this economy. You may have learned through Philadelphia media outlets that our contract with the City of Philadelphia for stabilizing and maintaining vacant land throughout the city has been reduced. Over the past six years, we have cleared and maintained more than 200 acres of land within city boundaries through city contracts. Those who have driven through neighborhoods where Philadelphia Green has been hard at work with residents know what a very positive impact this "Clean and Green" program has had on our city. Without regular care, we know the grass will grow unchecked, weeds will return, trash will accumulate, and dumping and other illegal activities will return to these lots.

We are not sure exactly how much funding will be available from January through June. The city is trying hard to free up enough funds to make sure we can at least maintain the lots already cleared. It's unlikely, however, that we will be able to continue to transform additional lots this spring with trees, fencing, and lawn as we had planned.

In response to these and other financial challenges, we are reducing expenses where possible without putting the quality of our work in jeopardy.

As our special supporters, you can play an important role in further helping PHS through this crisis by encouraging friends, colleagues, and neighbors to come to the Philadelphia Flower Show this year. *Bella Italia* is going to be colorful and full of wonderful exhibits, and every Show ticket we sell enables us to make Philadelphia and this region more beautiful. You can also help by making a gift to the 2009 Annual Fund in addition to your membership (see page 4).

In closing, let me tell you about one special couple who come to the Flower Show every year from Georgia. Larry and Sally Davis were born in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia respectively. They met in Philadelphia when he was on the staff at Jefferson University Hospital. In 1991 Larry's job took the couple to Atlanta, and every year since they have come back to Philadelphia for the opening weekend of the Show. "I wouldn't miss it," says Sally, a Master Gardener in Henry County, about 25 miles south of Atlanta. "I always get so many ideas from the Show that I take back and incorporate into my Southern garden."

It's always gratifying to know that the Flower Show means so much to visitors far and wide. This year, please share that magic with everyone you know!

Jane Pepper

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

A trip to the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show is made complete with a voyage to *Persephone's Island*, the Sicilian-themed exhibit created by the talented team at Meadowbrook Farm. Meadowbrook director John Story has joined forces with designer Nina Schneider to create garden vignettes that will wow the thousands of people who attend *Bella Italia* from March 1 to 8.

"Italy offers a near-endless number of options design-wise, but we selected Sicily because of the unique palette of plants found there," John says. "The island is in the middle of the Mediterranean, so the tropical plant life is incredibly beautiful."

Some species of note will include agapanthus, agave, citrus, and an ornamental artichoke called cardoon. Other plants to be found among the soaring columns will be geraniums, cycads, Scotch broom, and eucalyptus. "Of all the plants on display, I anticipate that the fig trees will be extremely popular; I hope I don't have to remind visitors that the figs are there for horticultural interest, not to serve as a mid-Show snack!" John jokes. A stroll through the exhibit's flagstone pathway will also reveal an herb garden flush with rosemary, thyme, parsley, and basil.

In addition to the display, **Meadowbrook Farm will have a plant store in the PHS Village at the Show this year.** Those hoping to bring home a bit of Flower Show magic will be able to purchase high-quality plants like those in the display and those available year-round at Meadowbrook Farm in Abington Township, PA, where PHS members receive a discount.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
gotomeadowbrook.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Special Events at *Bella Italia*

(Continued from page 1)

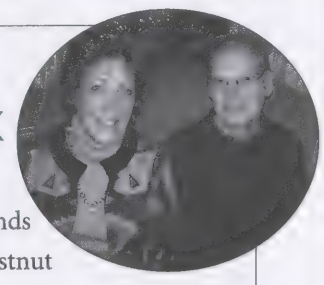
Great wine, food and shopping call for **great music** to enhance the experience, and resident artists of the Academy of Vocal Arts will provide that dimension. Award-winning singers will perform on the tiered main stage and in gardens throughout the Show. Performances also will be presented by the Kraft String Trio and the Vivaci Dancers.

Opportunities to learn are everywhere at the Flower Show, and a favorite venue is the **Gardeners' Studio**, which provides lectures on all things horticultural each day on the exhibit floor. Daily **lectures and demonstrations** are also held on the Concourse. Among the prominent speakers will be George Ball, Jr., chairman and CEO of the Burpee company; garden design expert P. Allen Smith; author Tovah Martin; and Italian horticulturist and author Alessandro Tombelli.

When it's time for the little ones—and their parents—to rest, the **Family Lounge** (room 203 on the Concourse) provides playthings, activities, and a comfortable retreat from the excitement.

The special events and programs at the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show will offer *qualcosa per tutti* – something for everyone! For a complete schedule of events, please visit *theflowershow.com*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Jane and Robert Pollock



Jane and Robert Pollock epitomize the enthusiasm and dedication shown by the thousands of people who volunteer each year at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Residents of Chestnut Hill, this husband-and-wife team have contributed their talents for nearly 15 years.

The pair's involvement with the Show started in 1993 when they attended an Early Morning Tour. Jane says this behind-the-scenes look at the Show gave her new appreciation for the grand scale of the event. "I just had to be involved," she says.

Jane and Robert began by joining the ranks of Infonet volunteers, which is the group that helps visitors navigate the Show. After witnessing Jane Pollock's hard-working ways, PHS president Jane Pepper invited her to co-chair (along with Fred Weinstein) the Flower Show Shoppe volunteer group.

Long before the Show begins, Jane assists PHS staff member Pat Musolf in ordering and pricing the items sold in the Shoppe—a task that requires careful planning. Once March arrives, Jane's role takes a more physical turn as she hauls boxes from the storage room to the exhibit floor, sets up display racks, and hangs merchandise. The Shoppe requires long hours but Jane says, "I don't mind at all! PHS is a fantastic organization to volunteer for." Jane also serves on PHS Council, the Flower Show Executive Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

Robert shares his wife's positive attitude. Still under the Infonet umbrella, he and Eileen Riddell are co-chairs of the Concourse Ambassadors, the smiling people in pink pinnies who help guide Flower Show guests. Robert says, "It's very gratifying to make the Show more enjoyable to visitors. I like being able to answer their questions." As much as he enjoys leading the training and orientation of new ambassadors, after the 2009 Show Robert has decided to try something new. "I'll still be very much involved with the Flower Show," he says. "I just want to do all there is to do—which is a lot!"

This year, when you are taking in the sights of *Bella Italia*, be sure to look out for Jane and Robert, two of the Flower Show's most *magnifico* volunteers!

– Daniel Moise

Join the Young Friends of PHS

The Young Friends of PHS is a vibrant group of young adults who share a common interest in horticulture and greening and the positive impact PHS has in the Philadelphia region. Young Friends offers events, education programs, and networking opportunities that support gardening and tree care, creating and caring for public green spaces, and advocacy. Past events include park cleanups, gardening workshops, kayak tours, apple picking, and happy hours in beautiful community gardens. Don't miss a fun event (details to be announced) at the 2009 Flower Show for Young Friends who are members of PHS.

For more information about Young Friends, please visit *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/events/youngfriends.html*. To receive information and invitations to events, please email *youngfriends@pennhort.org*.

Young Friends of PHS rode kayaks on the Schuylkill River and learned about plans for extension of the Schuylkill Banks trail to Bartram's Garden, as well as other development along the river, from representatives of the Schuylkill River Development Corporation.

Save the Date: First Annual Shad Fest!

Saturday, April 25, 11 am – 5 pm

Mark your calendar for the first annual Shad Fest in Fishtown! Join PHS and friends on Saturday, April 25 (rain date April 26) at Penn Treaty Park to celebrate the historical and environmental significance of Fishtown, one of Philadelphia's oldest riverfront neighborhoods, just north of Center City. Activities will include live music, children's activities, a shad cooking demonstration, kayaking, arts and crafts vendors, and a historical trolley tour through the neighborhood with historian Ken Milano. The festival will celebrate the shad fish, once vital to the area's economy and culture. Stick around after the fest for the neighborhood's first restaurant week! For more information, please visit *fishtownshadfest.org*. PHS is working with the Shad Fest as part of the "Take Me to the River" initiative to reconnect residential communities in Philadelphia to the Delaware River and its waterfront.

MEMBERSHIP TIPS FOR THE FLOWER SHOW

2009 Flower Show Tickets

Tickets to the 2009 Flower Show were mailed to current PHS members in late January. If you have questions regarding your tickets, please contact **PHS Member Services.**

PHS Members' Preview

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Members can purchase additional tickets for guests to attend the Members' Preview. Guest tickets are $70 (adult) and $30 (child). Tickets may be purchased at PHS until Thursday, February 27, or during the Flower Show at the **Membership Sales & Will Call Booth** (see right).

For all membership sales and inquiries, please contact the Member Services department at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832, or visit the PHS website for more information.

Membership Sales and Renewals

There is still time to renew your membership and receive tickets for the 2009 Show! **Renewals may be processed online at *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*** or over the phone by calling Member Services. During the Flower Show, you may visit the **Membership Sales & Will Call Booth** to renew or upgrade your membership. Member Services staff in the booth will handle renewals and upgrades, and assist with membership matters.

Membership Sales & Will Call Booth location and hours:
Pennsylvania Convention Center, West Concourse (12th & Arch Streets)

Saturday, February 28	10 am – 2 pm
Sundays, March 1 & 8	7 am – 5 pm
Monday – Friday, March 2 – 6	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Saturday, March 7	7 am – 8:30 pm

Renew at the Show!

If your membership expires in April or May 2009, visit the Membership Booth in the PHS Village on the exhibit floor to renew your membership. Those who renew or purchase memberships at this booth will receive tickets to the **2010 Flower Show**.

Travel with Us: PHS Trips for 2009

Gardens in Charleston, with Visits to Savannah and Kiawah

April 14 – 19

Only a few spaces left! Reserve today!

Gardens in Westchester County, NY

May 18 – 21

PHS members and guests will travel to Westchester County, New York, just north of New York City, to see private gardens large and small at the peak of bloom. These gardens are located on large estates, on small plots of land artfully designed to maximize the use of space, and on steep hillsides or rolling hills. One site even has a small "zoo" with several hundred animals and birds.

We'll also visit Wave Hill, an impressive public garden in the northern Bronx with stunning views of the palisades along the Hudson River. Storm King Art Center, a large outdoor sculpture garden on the west side of the Hudson River, is also on the itinerary. Overnight accommodations will be in Tarrytown, New York.

For more information or to sign up for a trip, please contact Betsy Gullan at *bgullan@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8778. Itineraries are available on the PHS website or by contacting Betsy.

Garden Tea at the Philadelphia Flower Show

Garden Tea makes a wonderful gift

Treat yourself and your companions to the elegant Garden Tea at the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show. Enjoy a light menu of petit sandwiches, pastry, fruit, and an assortment of fine teas. Seating is limited, so make a reservation today at *theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8879.

March 1 – 8
Two seatings daily: 12:30 – 2 pm & 3:45 – 5:15 pm
Admission: $28 per person plus Flower Show admission. (Note: Same-day Flower Show admission is required and is not included in the price of Garden Tea.)

Family Ties

The PHS Annual Fund recently received a gift from 1827 Society members Charlie and Cindy Landreth to commemorate the 225th year of continuous operation of the D. Landreth Seed Company. The donation highlights the Landreth Company's storied history and longstanding ties to PHS.

Currently the fifth oldest corporation in America, the D. Landreth Seed Company, founded by David Landreth in 1784, had a strong presence in the early days of Philadelphia, selling seeds, trees, and shrubs from its nursery. In fact, trees from Landreth were some of the first planted in Independence Square. Among the early customers were George Washington; Thomas Jefferson; and Joseph Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon.

In the 1800s, both David Landreth Jr. and his son Thomas became involved with PHS as members of the first Council, the organization's governing board. The Landreths also had a leading role in founding the PHS Library.

During the early years of PHS, the Landreths introduced a variety of species, including the azalea and flowering rhododendron. In his book commemorating the centennial of PHS*, James Boyd, president from 1918-1929, wrote, "To the Landreths, the city of Philadelphia is largely indebted for the early development of its horticultural taste."

Today the D. Landreth Seed Company is headed by Barb Melera. She says, "The most remarkable thing is that this company has customers that it's had for over a century … the longevity of these relationships I find humbling and amazing." This year, the Landreth Seed Company will introduce an African American heritage seed collection.

Charlie and Cindy Landreth have maintained the family's connection to PHS. Cindy and fellow PHS member Jean Bodine co-hosted a reception with Jane Pepper last November. "The idea was to bring neighbors together to meet Jane and tell them about the great work PHS does through its Philadelphia Green program," Cindy says.

As for Charlie, he remembers going to the Flower Show preview with his father as a child. (The family suspects that a Landreth has been in attendance at every Show since 1829.) Another memory of Charlie's youth involves former PHS President Ernesta Ballard. "Mrs. Ballard took me and some of my friends to a neighborhood in North Philadelphia and we planted window boxes," he recalls. "They were a thing of beauty." Charlie joined PHS after college and became more involved while working for PNC Bank, a Flower Show sponsor since 1991.

Charlie and Cindy Landreth

PHS is grateful to Charlie and Cindy Landreth for their gift and congratulates the D. Landreth Seed Company on its 225th anniversary!

*_The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society 1827-1927_, by James Boyd, is available in the McLean Library.

Legacy Landscapes

Legacy Landscapes is a $12.1 million campaign to establish an endowment fund to support the horticultural maintenance of PHS civic and neighborhood landscape projects.

As PHS strives to meet its goal for the campaign, we wanted to make you aware of a wonderful opportunity to double your gift to *Legacy Landscapes* through the McLean Contributionship Challenge. As part of the challenge, the McLean Contributionship will match campaign gifts and pledges in the range of $2,500 to $25,000! For more information on ways to participate in this challenge, please contact Melissa DeRuiter, senior director of Development at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*, or visit *pennsylvania horticulturalsociety.org* and click on "The Legacy Landscapes Endowment Campaign."

As of December 15, 2008, *Legacy Landscapes* has raised:

Total Gifts and Pledges:	$7,365,519
Total Deferred Gifts:	$20,346

PHS is sincerely grateful to all *Legacy Landscapes* contributors. Recent commitments have been made by: Anonymous, Mrs. George P. Bissell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Mahlon Buck Jr., Mrs. Henry F. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Maguire, Sandra L. McLean, Melissa A. and Jason E. Vermillion, and Ray S. Walker.

The 1827 Society Corner

Flower Show Events for 1827 Society Members

February is the perfect time to join the 1827 Society or upgrade through the **Solomon Challenge** (which matches up to half the membership fee for new 1827 Society members through June 2009) to take advantage of all the Flower Show offers for this special group of PHS supporters!

Current 1827 Society members may already have received Flower Show ticket request forms, along with invitations to the 1827 Society Behind-the-Scenes Tour at the Flower Show. Now is the time to sign up for the tour; it's a great way to see the exhibitors putting final touches on the displays before the show opens to the public. Please contact Suzanne Betts, director of Member Services, at 215-988-8819 for information regarding your tickets or the 1827 Society Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the 2009 Flower Show.

SAVE THE DATE: 2009 Azalea Garden Party

Thursday, May 7, 5:30 to 8 pm

Celebrate the arrival of spring among hundreds of colorful spring-blooming shrubs at the Azalea Garden Party on **Thursday, May 7, 5:30 to 8 pm.** This annual celebration, chaired this year by Margo and Joe Eremus, raises funds for year-round maintenance of the four-acre garden, located in Fairmount Park just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dress in your best garden hats and attire and join us for an evening of food; fun; and activities for the whole family, this year including stilt-walkers, face painters and a raffle just for kids! **For information, please contact Ellen Wheeler at 215-988-8830 or *ewheeler@pennhort.org*.**

If you would like to support the Azalea Garden by contributing items for the Party's raffle or silent auction, please contact Cadance Hinkle at 215-988-8762 or *chinkle@pennhort.org*. **The deadline for receiving raffle contributions is April 23, 2009.**

2008 PHS Annual Report

In the PHS Annual Report list of 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show Preview Party Benefactors and Patrons, subscribers to the cocktail reception were inadvertently omitted. PHS sincerely apologizes that these supporters were not included in our printed report. The corrected 2008 PHS Annual Report is available online at *pennsylvaniahorticultural society.org*.

The PHS Annual Fund

One of the rewards of making a charitable gift to PHS is seeing your gift make a difference. The impact of your gift to the PHS Annual Fund is evident in the trees we plant, the gardens we help neighbors create and tend, the civic landscapes we design, the parks we clean, and the many lives we change in communities throughout the city and region through education; advocacy; and programs such as City Harvest, which provides food grown in community gardens to families in need.

To make a gift to the PHS Annual Fund, visit our secure website at *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or contact the Development office at 215-988-8800.

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Where can you learn about PHS Gold Medal plants, see step-by-step flower arranging, and take advantage of fabulous photo opportunities? The PHS Village, located in the center of the Flower Show floor. Here you'll discover how the Show supports PHS's innovative greening programs and view the PHS donor wall. You can also shop at the Meadowbrook Farm store to find the perfect plants for your home and garden. See you there!

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

2009 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW.

Tour: Flower Show Behind the Scenes
Wednesday, February 18, 10 am – 12 noon

How do all those out-of-season plants bloom just in time for the Philadelphia Flower Show? It's a combination of art and science, and it has its joys and challenges. The magic happens at Meadowbrook Farm. Join **John Story** as he leads a tour through the greenhouses, highlighting the unusual plants being grown for displays at the 2009 Show, *Bella Italia*. You will see them first at Meadowbrook and learn the fascinating, intricate details that are part of this amazing horticultural balancing act. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Divide and Conquer
Thursday, March 26, 10 am – 12 noon

Some of the best varieties you can plant this spring are right in front of you, just waiting to be increased in number. By propagating your own plants, you can get more plants for your own garden, have some to give away to friends, or share some of your favorites with PHS members at the PHS Plant Dividend at Members' Day this fall. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will show different types of root systems and explain which have to be divided, what plants you can layer, and how to propagate both common and unusual perennial plants. This comprehensive course will turn the apprehension of propagation into the delight of discovery and success. You will have so many new plants you will need to start a new garden! Participants will receive hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. **Limit 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Alpine and Rock Gardening Basics
Wednesday, April 1, 10 am – 12 noon

Do you have a spot off your patio, at your door, or on a sunny or shady slope that cries out for a niche garden? Meadowbrook Farm alpine and rock gardening expert **Bernard Pettit** will show you how to create this special garden from the ground up. Sun or shade, you will learn the basic form and function that alpine plants require to thrive in a well-drained situation. Bernard will also show you how to create a moveable rock garden with an alpine trough. Each participant will receive a starter plant to take home, and many varieties will be available for purchase as well. **Limit: 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Veggies 101: Your Home Vegetable Garden
Wednesday, April 8, 10 am – 12 noon

Grow local, eat local! It's time to establish and grow your own vegetable garden. This workshop will address how to plan it and get started in a sunny area of your yard. **Sharon Kaszan**, Meadowbrook Farm horticulturist and former trials manager for W. Atlee Burpee & Co., will discuss varieties to choose, timing of seed sowing, fertilization and insect and disease controls, using both traditional and organic practices. There will be plenty of useful information for experienced vegetable gardeners as well. Enjoy succulent tomatoes and squash picked fresh from your own garden this summer! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walking Demonstration: Gardening in Tough Spots
Wednesday, April 15, 10 am – 12 noon

Every garden has its problem spots! Do you struggle getting plants to grow in dry shade, heavy soil, scorching sun, wet areas or "dead zones?" Come to Meadowbrook Farm and listen as head gardener **Glenn Ashton** shares his secrets for meeting these challenges by choosing the right plants for the right spot. Learn how to work with your environment rather than against it. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Shady Characters—Yearlong Interest in the Woodland Garden
Thursday, April 23, 10 am – 12 noon

The woodland garden is truly a spring flower show. The combination of trees, shrubs, perennials, biennials, and ephemerals are a delight to watch as the days grow longer and the soil warms up. You, too, can create a woodland wonderland once you understand shade in all its forms. This morning tour of Meadowbrook Farm gardens, led by **Glenn Ashton**, will focus on cultivating a woodland garden and keeping it exciting and going strong from year to year. Once you learn the basics, the fun begins as you add biennials and perennials to the landscape. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Walk: Early Spring Bulbs
Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk, classroom discussion, and slide lecture will explore the cheerful, seasonal flowers of spring: "Dutch" bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald** will focus on the most rewarding spring-blooming bulbs, those that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Cool Containers—Exciting Plant Combinations for Early Spring
Thursday, April 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Most gardeners get itchy for a bit of green and color in early spring. But does the threat of severe temperature changes frighten you away from planting early spring containers? With a little creativity, your early-spring pots can include far more than just pansies. You can combine cold-tolerant annuals, bulbs, cut branches, perennials, and woody plants to create dynamic combinations that stand up to the season's changeable weather. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will offer ideas and inspiration during this demonstration, discussion, and tour of early-season containers at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs
Wednesday, April 22, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will demonstrate basic techniques and discuss all aspects of pruning garden shrubs. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Lift and Separate
Thursday, April 23, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Why has my iris stopped blooming? Why does my sedum have a big dead patch in the center? Maybe it's time to divide them. But with so many different plants, what's the best approach for each type? Learn the tricks of dividing and replanting to rejuvenate a variety of perennials—and increase their number, too. Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will share the best tools and techniques for separating different kinds of root systems. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS

2009 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW.

Evening Lecture: Italian Gardens – Roman Origins, Renaissance Expressions, and American Reflections
PHS Auditorium
Tuesday, February 10, 6 pm

Get in the mood for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, *Bella Italia*, with this enchanting look at Italian gardens through history. Presented by **Harriet Henderson**, the lecture will emphasize the enormous influence Italianate garden features have had on gardens around the world, and specifically in America.

Harriet Henderson is a landscape architect and architect who practices Western and Asian design as a principal with Cushing & Henderson. She lectures widely about garden design and history, teaches garden history at the Barnes Foundation, and has traveled to Italy to study the Italian garden tradition. She has had the unique opportunity to design a large Italianate garden at Felicita near Harrisburg, PA.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments and wine in the Library, which will feature an exhibit on Italian gardens. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Villa Albani, from the Jay V. Hare Lantern Slide Collection of the McLean Library

Workshop: Botanical Illustration with Watercolor
Eight Tuesdays: March 17 – May 5, 10 am – 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor or have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, exercises to create form and dimensionality, and discussion of brushes and paper. It is necessary to attend the first session of this eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America. **Limit: 15. Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.**

Workshops: Flower Arranging for Beginners

Wednesdays, March 18 & 25, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Two sessions of hands-on workshops will teach beginning arrangers the basics of floral design. Instructor **Jane Godshalk** will help you start from the beginning and encourage you to develop your own style.

Class I will cover buying, harvesting, and conditioning plant material and the use of floral foam and mechanics. Participants will create a garden style (naturalistic) arrangement for the home. Class II will focus on the design classifications of flowers and will introduce the elements and principles of design. Participants will create a traditional decorative table arrangement to bring home. Please bring clippers or scissors and a box to transport the finished arrangement. All containers, flowers, and other supplies will be provided. **Fee: $92 members, $102 for non-members.**

Arranging instructor Jane Godshalk, a PHS member and frequent award winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, writes a regular column for PHS's *Green Scene* magazine. Jane has studied floral design and exhibited in flower shows throughout the United States and Europe.

FIELD TRIP

Private Gardens near Baltimore

Thursday, May 28, 7:15 am – 7 pm

Four extraordinary gardeners near Baltimore, MD, will welcome us for an enjoyable day of looking at stellar plants and fascinating landscapes.

Our first stop, in northern Baltimore, offers an amazing assemblage of trees and shrubs, including conifers and collections of Japanese umbrella pines and Japanese maples punctuated with interesting boulders, walls, and pathways on two acres. Next we'll visit a 45-year-old garden consisting primarily of woodland with mossy paths bordered by mature rhododendrons, azaleas, ferns, and shade-loving perennials. In sunny areas, two ponds provide the focus for beds of bulbs, perennials, and unusual shrubs. The garden is accented with sculpture, including some created by the owner.

At the third property, we'll enjoy a boxed lunch before exploring lovely gardens and pool areas decorated by a perennial border with masses of large containers blooming to perfection. Interesting plants, striking color combinations, and intriguing garden furniture and sculpture embellish the areas around the house. The final garden, a joint labor of love over two decades, has taken over every inch of a five-acre property. A resplendent series of garden rooms and pleasant woodland paths invite us to stroll.

Bus pick-up locations are the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park (7:15 am) and PHS, 20th and Arch streets (7:30 am). We plan to return to PHS by 6:30 pm and to the Horticulture Center by 6:45.

Fee of $67 for PHS members and $77 for non-members includes round-trip transportation, entrance fees, lunch, and snacks on the bus. On your reservation form, please indicate where you will board the bus.

IN THE GARDEN

Mill Fleurs, Point Pleasant, PA

Friday, May 15, 2009, 10 am – noon

Join us for a guided tour of **Barbara and Robert Tiffany's** "Mill Fleurs," in an idyllic setting perched on the bank of the Tohickon Creek in Point Pleasant, PA, eight miles north of New Hope. The rustic 1742 gristmill and adjacent sawmill were skillfully converted into a lovely contemporary house in the 1990s, ideal to showcase the furniture the Tiffanys create. The surrounding area was painstakingly developed into woodland gardens that are home to an amazing array of deciduous trees; conifers; azaleas; rhododendron; hostas; epimedium; and other shrubs and perennials, some rarely seen in Zone 6. The plants are arranged by color families. Set into rock outcroppings, plantings can be enjoyed from two levels of paths on fairly steep slopes. The Tiffanys are foliage gardeners, relying on plant architecture and foliage texture, as well as flowers, to create interest.

Comfortable walking shoes are essential. Participants must provide their own transportation, and carpooling is recommended. We will supply a list of nearby restaurants, garden centers, and other places of interest, such as New Hope and Lahaska, to encourage you to "make a day of it" in this beautiful section of Bucks County. **Fee: $18 for members; $23 for non-members.** Fee includes tour and refreshments. Travel directions will be sent upon registration.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Reaching Out: Vines and Climbers for the Garden

Monday, March 30, 7 pm
Wesley United Methodist Church, Bethlehem, PA

PHS and the Hardy Plant Society, Mid-Atlantic Group will collaborate to present this lecture for members and their friends in the Lehigh Valley.

As you collect ideas for this year's garden, enjoy an illustrated lecture on vines and climbers, which add vertical interest and alter the visual perception of space and size in the garden. **Jeff Jabco**, director of grounds at Swarthmore College and coordinator of horticulture at Scott Arboretum, will explore hardy and tender climbing plants from a horticultural as well as a design perspective–their culture, care, and uses in the landscape. Jeff will discuss exciting plant combinations, non-traditional uses of climbers, and plants that are effective hosts for climbers. **Fee: advanced registration $10 for PHS and HPS members; $12 for non-members until March 25. After March 25, registration is $15 at the door.**

Pressing and Creating Designs for Fun and Competition

Thursday, April 16, 10 am – 12 noon
GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, Reading, PA

Internationally recognized floral designer, lecturer, and pressed-flower artist **Eugene Burkhart** has entered flower shows throughout the United States and the world since he was six years old. His philosophy: "The way nature has fashioned flowers gives us a great but short-lived pleasure and delight. I enjoy capturing this delight by pressing and drying plant material to have the perfect medium for creating pictures, designs, and decorative items for lasting beauty." He is a skilled and award-winning instructor as well, with more than 35 years of experience teaching audiences of all skill levels. In his studio at the GoggleWorks in Reading, PA, Gene will present a brief history of pressed plants; demonstrate how to press plants using a telephone book and plant press; discuss different designs, from botanicals to whole flower designs to intricate cut-work creations; and help you create your own design—matted and ready for an 8 x 10-inch frame. Bring a pair of scissors. Directions will be mailed with registration. **Limit: 20. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.**

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Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

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For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

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SAVE THE DATE: 2009 PHS GARDEN VISITS

West Chester Town and Country, PA
Sunday, June 7

Northeastern Montgomery County, PA
Sunday, June 28

Exclusively for PHS members and their guests, these self-guided tours are from 12 noon to 5 pm. The fee is $10 for PHS members and $25 for guests of members. Please note: pre-registration is required by May 22 for the West Chester visit and June 12 for the Northeastern Montgomery County visit. Please use the form on page 7 to sign up. Directions and a map will be sent a week or two in advance of the garden visit. For more information, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *programreg@pennhort.org*.

CITY GARDENING SERIES

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, pennsylvania horticulturalsociety.org, *or contact Marilyn Reynolds at* citygardening@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8872.*

Starting Seeds Indoors
Friday, February 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am
Perzel Community Center
2990 St. Vincent Street

Low-Maintenance Houseplants
Thursday, February 19, 1 – 2 pm
Park Tower Apartments
4001 Conshohocken Avenue

Planning the Spring Garden
Friday, March 13, 10:30 – 11:30 am
Perzel Community Center

The Spring Vegetable Garden
Wednesday, March 18, 4 – 5 pm
Lillian Marrero Branch,
Free Library of Philadelphia
601 W. Lehigh Avenue

Spring Pruning for the Homeowner
Saturday, March 21, 10 - 11 am
Awbury Recreation Center
6101 Ardleigh Street

Containers for Small Spaces
Monday, March 23, 6 – 7 pm
Charles Santore Branch,
Free Library of Philadelphia
932 S. 7th Street

For more programs, please visit the PHS website and click on "Calendar."

2009 Kids Grow Expo
Friday, April 24, 9:30 am – 2 pm
Temple University Ambler College

The PHS Kids Grow Expo is a free horticultural event by and for school-age children. This year's theme is "Trees Please." Held in partnership with Temple University's EarthFest, Kids Grow Expo encourages youngsters from all over the Philadelphia region to celebrate Earth Day with educational exhibits, service-learning projects, and the "Junior Flower Show" competitive classes. **Educator/parent workshops will be held on Tuesday, February 10 at 4 pm at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, in Philadelphia, and on Thursday, February 12 at 4 pm at Temple Ambler.** For more information about the Expo or workshops, please visit the PHS website or contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *fnarducci@pennhort.org*.

McLean Library Updates Speakers List

The McLean Library is updating its list of speakers on gardening topics. This list is available to PHS members, local gardening clubs, and the public. If you are a horticulturist who lives in the Mid-Atlantic region and would like to be included on the 2009 list, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772 for a questionnaire.

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PHS to Share $1 Million Home Depot Grant for Green Neighborhoods

A grant from the Home Depot Foundation will bring environmentally sustainable improvements to a community in eastern North Philadelphia.

The Home Depot Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Home Depot, has awarded $1 million over four years to the Philadelphia offices of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and PHS to support an environmentally friendly housing and community-greening pilot program in eastern North Philadelphia. The program will be coordinated through a partnership of LISC; PHS; Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM), a Latino-based health, human services, and community development organization; the City of Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development; and the Fairmount Park Commission.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter joined officials from the Home Depot Foundation, as well as leaders of LISC, PHS, APM, and the community in announcing the program last November.

"As Mayor, I have pledged to make Philadelphia the greenest city in America," he said. "I am grateful for the Home Depot Foundation's commitment to making urban communities more sustainable and for choosing to invest in Philadelphia."

Kelly Caffarelli, executive director of the Home Depot Foundation, added, "Efficient, environmentally-friendly home building and green neighborhoods can be a model for the future of Philadelphia. This pilot program is a tremendous example of how we can help reshape and, ultimately, strengthen entire neighborhoods through smart community design."

Under LISC's leadership, the grant will support a new transit-oriented development being planned by APM at the Temple train station. Additionally, LISC will work with APM to retrofit existing homes to make them more energy efficient. Retrofits may include white roofs (to deflect the sun's heat), energy-efficient windows, rain barrels, environmentally friendly and efficient water heaters, and landscaping to improve energy efficiency.

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A ceremonial tree planting was part of the kickoff celebration for the Home Depot program. Left to right: Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter; Nilda I. Ruiz, president and CEO of APM; Kelly Caffarelli, president of the Home Depot Foundation; PHS president Jane Pepper; and Mark Edwards, executive director of the Philadelphia office of Local Initiatives Support Corporation

International Theme for 2010 Flower Show

Gardening traditions from all over the world will be celebrated at the 2010 Philadelphia Flower Show. **The Show will be held February 28 – March 7, 2010**, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Visit *theflowershow.com* throughout the year for more information.

PHS President Jane Pepper to Receive WOMAN ONE Award

PHS President Jane Pepper has been selected as a recipient of the WOMAN ONE Award, presented annually to a woman with exceptional leadership credentials by the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine.

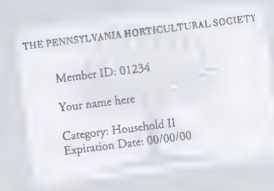
"Jane Pepper's qualifications are superb," said Institute director Lynn Yeakel. "She combines vision with sensitivity in setting an example for other leaders to follow."

The award will be presented at a ceremony and reception on April 27 at the Rittenhouse Hotel in Philadelphia. Tickets for the event are $150 per person. Proceeds provide scholarship support to minority women medical students who plan to work in medically underserved areas of the country.

For information about attending the event, please contact the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership at 215-255-7373 or *iwhl@drexelmed.edu.*

Order your Flower Show Video

Enjoy the Flower Show all over again with the official 2009 Flower Show video. Cecily Tynan and Dave Roberts of WPVI-TV, along with PHS President Jane Pepper, are the on-screen hosts, offering up-close footage of the stunning displays of *Bella Italia* and lively behind-the-scenes stories. *Approximately 45 minutes.* The DVD and VHS tape of the Show cost $19.95 each, plus $5 for shipping and handling. To order, please visit *the flowershow.com* or call 215-988-1619.



YOUR PHS MEMBERSHIP

The spring gardening season is here! Don't forget that your PHS membership is your passport to savings at many area retail nurseries and stores. Just present your card to participating merchants before the sale is rung up on the cash register. For a list of participating stores, visit the PHS website and click on "Membership."

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A Bountiful Spring for PHS Members

I'm writing this column in mid February as a Valentine to our members. In these challenging times, I know that each of you thought very carefully as you signed up for or renewed your PHS membership. Every year you make that hard choice between joining PHS or a host of other wonderful organizations. On behalf of the staff and the PHS Council, thank you so much for choosing PHS.

Many of you are "old timers" (we are proud that PHS's retention rate is higher than that of many organizations) who have watched the organization grow and flourish over many years. Thank you for your consistently positive responses to our renewal notices. To new members, many of whom joined around Flower Show time, I want to offer a very warm welcome.

Spring is a wonderful time to join PHS because once the Flower Show is over and the gardening season is underway, there are many activities to enjoy.

PHS has two amazing partners in our education programs: Meadowbrook Farm, a PHS affiliate north of the city in Abington Township, and Chanticleer, a pleasure garden in Wayne. At the latter you can choose from 22 programs planned from April through September, and at Meadowbrook you will find a range of options including a new program for vegetable gardeners, which will be taught by Sharon Kaszan, former Burpee trials manager.

Unlike me, you may be lucky enough to have artistic talents. If this is the case you should take note of the eight-week course on botanical illustration. It is offered annually at PHS.

If you have itchy feet and want to travel this spring, join us for a one-day bus trip to Milford, PA, Lancaster, PA, or Baltimore, MD, in May and June. On May 18, a PHS group will venture further afield to spend two days visiting gardens in Westchester County, New York.

And finally, on two Sundays in May and June, you are invited to spend an afternoon visiting private gardens on our annual PHS Garden Visits, which I consider one of the nicest benefits of PHS membership. This spring, the visits are in West Chester and northeastern Montgomery County. You can be sure that not only will the gardens be wonderful, but also that the gardeners will be very welcoming and often provide the best gardening information you can find anywhere.

All of the activities mentioned above—and more—are listed in the *PHS News* and on our website. Have fun with your membership and tell your friends to sign up, too!

Jane G. Pepper
PHS President

WHAT'S NEW AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

The Philadelphia Flower Show provides inspiration to our visitors, who leave the Pennsylvania Convention Center with gardening ideas they're eager to try. And now that spring has arrived, there's no better time to tackle new projects. Here to help is Meadowbrook Farm in Abington Township, PA.

"Meadowbrook Farm supplies a great deal of the plants exhibited at the Flower Show, so we are equipped to assist home gardeners with any spring planting they hope to pursue," says general manager Jessica Story. "You can find many of your Flower Show favorites at Meadowbrook."

Also in stock is a seemingly endless cache of annuals, perennials, and hanging baskets, all of which make for great Mother's Day gifts. (Mother's Day is May 10 this year.) "Winter has its charms," Jessica says, "but spring is when Meadowbrook really comes to life. Between the tours, lectures, and special events, I know we're going to have a great season."

Learn more about Meadowbrook Farm's many warm-weather offerings, including a demonstration of alpine and rock gardening basics, by visiting *gotomeadowbrook.com.*

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900
gotomeadowbrook.com
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Join the PHS Family of Volunteers!

Throughout the year, volunteers put in countless hours helping PHS fulfill its mission of creating a sense of community and improving the quality of life through horticulture.

"Volunteers can sign up as a group, such as church groups, garden clubs, or businesses, or as individuals," says PHS volunteer program manager Susan Strawbridge. "And they can choose from a one-day task or an ongoing project. There is something for everyone."

If you like hands-on work, you could divide perennials at the Azalea Garden (near the Philadelphia Museum of Art), or help out in community gardens growing vegetables for needy families. If you prefer a less physical task, you can work in the PHS offices or greet guests at member events. Love to visit gardens? How about serving as a City Gardens Contest judge? Also, if you'd like to try out different jobs from time to time, that's okay, too.

To learn more about PHS volunteer opportunities, **please contact Susan Strawbridge at *sstrawbridge@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8876** or visit the PHS website.

2009 Plant Sales and Events Listings

The Philadelphia area offers a wealth of beautiful gardens and gardening activities. To help our members keep track of it all, PHS has compiled a list of plant sales, shows, and other events sponsored by local organizations. You'll find this list at *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org.* To request a paper copy, please call the publications office at 215-988-8871.

You can also receive up-to-date information on gardening events each month on your desktop by signing up for email alerts from the Wired Gardener. (To subscribe, email *wiredgardener@pennhort.org.*)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Cynthia Kishinchand

Cynthia Kishinchand is a volunteer extraordinaire. In addition to founding the East Falls branch of the Friends of the Free Library of Philadelphia and serving on the steering committee of PennFuture (a statewide environmental organization), she's also a tireless advocate for street trees.

When Cynthia and her husband moved to East Falls in 1971, some of the streets were tree-lined while others were barren. By the 1990s aging trees were removed but not replaced. It was time for action. "Some neighbors and I enrolled in PHS's Tree Tenders training course in the fall of 1995, and by 1997 we had our first trees in the ground," she says.

And she's been planting ever since. For several years Cynthia served as chair of the East Falls Tree Tenders' spring plantings. This year she's taking a bit of a breather and acting as vice-chair. Still, it's a role with lots of responsibilities: Cynthia must organize volunteers, arrange the delivery of saplings, and ensure the tree pits are prepared.

Beyond planting the trees, Cynthia hopes to foster an appreciation of nature among the children of East Falls. She says, "Some children don't live near greenery, but even those who do are usually kept on tight schedules; it's not like it was in decades past when kids had free time to explore their surroundings."

To remedy this, she has reached out to all the East Falls schools, arranging botany programs and trips to nature centers. "Children love to learn, so we capitalize on that. These trips also introduce them to different parts of the city," she says.

In addition to developing green thumbs, Cynthia hopes that the children discover the importance of volunteering: "With awareness comes appreciation and enjoyment. Then, ideally, they'll take the torch."

Grooming the next generation hasn't lessened Cynthia's involvement with PHS, however. She says, "I cannot—and don't want to—imagine what Philadelphia would be like without PHS. I've had different jobs and lived in different cities, but the constants in my adult life have been my marriage, my children, and Tree Tenders."

– Daniel Moise

The Making of PECO's Green Roof

Perhaps you saw the PECO exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show, a mini version of the green roof the company has installed at its headquarters in Center City, Philadelphia.

PHS staff members were on hand during construction of the real thing to learn about green roof technology, and they documented the process in photographs. PHS will manage long-term maintenance of the green roof and will partner with PECO to arrange educational tours of the roof.

The project has been a learning experience for all involved. "I started out not knowing anything about green roofs," says PECO facilities manager Kathy Martinelli, who oversaw the project for the company. "But the architects, engineers, and consultants who worked on this have a real passion for green roofs and their environmental benefits. It was really contagious."

A green roof is an extension of the existing roof with a waterproof membrane, a drainage system, a lightweight growing medium, and plants. Green roofs help the environment in several ways. By absorbing and filtering rainwater, they reduce flooding and improve water quality. They cut down on energy use by moderating temperatures, help clean the air, and provide bird habitat. Green roofs also extend the life of roof structures two to three times.

The green roof is part of PECO's larger environmental initiative, which includes gaining LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for its headquarters building, reducing the company's energy usage, and promoting energy efficiency among its customers.

"It's our hope that by taking the lead and installing such a large green roof on our building—which is in a highly visible location—that many other corporations will follow suit," says Martinelli.

To learn more about green roofs, sign up for one of the PHS tours of the PECO green roof (see page 8) or visit *greenroofs.org* or *roofscapes.com*.

1: The underlying roof structure was reinforced to accommodate additional weight. Although leaks are highly unlikely, a waterproof membrane includes a sophisticated leak detection system.

2: Soil (actually a specially formulated "growing medium") and other materials were delivered onto the roof by a huge crane.

Photos by Margaret Funderburg

3: The growing medium, made up of rough, lava-like material, is evenly spread over the surface.

4: Pre-planted mats with sedums already rooted in were unrolled onto the roof. Pre-planting helps ensure that the plants will survive high winds.

5: The completed green roof, with the Cira Center in the background, will fill in and even bloom over the coming months.

PHS to Share $1 Million Home Depot Grant for Green Neighborhoods

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"LISC's strategy in the area of green building is to support CDCs by providing technical assistance as well as grants to defray the extra costs associated with building green," says Mark Edwards, executive director of Philadelphia LISC. "We are excited to be a partner in this project because it aligns well with that strategy and is also representative of the power that public/private/community partnerships have in improving neighborhoods."

Through its Philadelphia Green program, PHS will use grant funds for greening and streetscape improvements. Plans for neighborhood greening by PHS, the Fairmount Park Commission and other agencies include new street trees and trees around area schools, the creation of green gateways and streetscapes at key locations, and the cleaning and greening of strategically located vacant lots in the area.

Philadelphia Green also will work with APM to coordinate horticultural workshops, community development activities, and civic engagement to create a corps of residents and groups to care for the new landscapes and trees. The goal is a lasting community network and infrastructure for the area.

The Home Depot Foundation was created in 2002 to further the community building goals of The Home Depot. The Home Depot Foundation is dedicated to building homes for working families that are healthy to live in and affordable to own. The Foundation encourages developers to incorporate responsible design and use durable and quality materials to ensure that homes are more energy and water efficient, have good indoor air quality, and provide a safe and healthy space to live. Since its formation, The Home Depot Foundation has granted $70 million to nonprofit organizations and supported the development of more than 50,000 affordable, healthy homes. For more information, visit *homedepotfoundation.org*.

First Annual Shad Fest!

Saturday April 25, 11 am – 5 pm

Join PHS and friends on Saturday April 25 (rain date April 26) for the first annual Shad Fest at Penn Treaty Park in Fishtown, one of Philadelphia's oldest riverfront neighborhoods, just north of Center City. The festival spotlights the shad fish, once vital to the area's economy and culture. Activities will include live music, children's activities, a "shad run," kayaking, arts and crafts, and a historical trolley tour through the neighborhood with historian Ken Milano. Stick around after the fest for the neighborhood's first restaurant week!

Penn Treaty Park is located on N. Delaware Avenue, just north of Frankford Ave. For more information and directions, please visit *fishtownshadfest.org*.

Shad Fest is hosted by the Fishtown Area Business Association in partnership with PHS, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, the New Kensington Community Development Corporation, FNA, and Friends of Penn Treaty Park. Partial funding for this project comes from the Take Me to the River grant program, administered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission with funding from the William Penn Foundation.

2009 Azalea Garden Party

Join us for the **2009 Azalea Garden Party** on **Thursday, May 7, 5:30 to 8 pm**. This annual celebration, whose chairs this year are Margo and Joe Eremus, raises funds for year-round maintenance of the four-acre garden in Fairmount Park, just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dress in your best garden hats and attire and join us for an evening of food; fun; and activities for the whole family. Youngsters will enjoy stilt-walkers, face painters, and a **children's raffle** offering books, clothes, and toys!

For the adults, **raffle and silent auction** prizes include Phillies tickets; a one-night stay at the Philadelphia Four Seasons (including dinner for two at the Fountain Restaurant); a weekend getaway at the Maryland Shore; Devon Horse Show tickets; a hosted home garden party and tour; a series of grilling classes; restaurant gift certificates; dinner for two at the Union League with PHS President Jane G. Pepper, and much more!

Ticket prices are as follows: Benefactor, $175; Patron, $125; Young Friend (35 and under), $65; Mini Friend (under 12), no charge. There is a $10 surcharge on tickets purchased at the entrance. **For more information, please contact Ellen Wheeler at 215-988-8830 or *ewheeler@pennhort.org*.**

If you would like to support the maintenance of the Azalea Garden by contributing items for the raffle or silent auction, please contact Cadance Hinkle at 215-988-8762 or *chinkle@pennhort.org*. The deadline for receiving raffle contributions is April 23, 2009.

The 1827 Society Corner

1827 Society Gets Cooking

Members of the 1827 Society celebrated the 2009 Flower Show theme "Bella Italia" with an evening devoted to Italian food and wine. The event, held in February at Catering by Design's new facility in Mt. Airy, included a hands-on cooking workshop where members helped prepare antipasto, pasta, and dessert, which were later served as part of the evening's three-course dinner.

Margaret Sadler and Handsel and Karen Minyard with one of the chefs

Karen Minyard tries her hand at pasta making

1827 Society members at work in the kitchen

1827 Society Benefits

Did you know that 1827 Society Members receive:

- At least 12 Flower Show tickets
- A discount at Meadowbrook Farm
- "Behind-the-Scenes" tour of the Philadelphia Flower Show for two adults
- Two tickets for PHS Garden Visits
- An invitation to the 1827 Society Garden Party
- And many more exclusive events and unique opportunities related to greening and horticulture!

And now, through the **Solomon Challenge**, you can join—or increase your membership level —at up to half the price! This offer is available to new and upgrading members through June 30, 2009. Learn more about the Solomon Challenge by visiting *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org* or calling the Development office at 215-988-8800.

Mark and Paula Solomon (left), longtime friends of PHS who believe strongly in the importance of greening, have generously funded the Solomon Challenge, raising over $30,000 for the 1827 Society. They are pictured with Jane Pepper and PHS Council Chair John Ball

Gifts of Securities

Donating gifts of securities is a convenient way to make a gift of membership or give an unrestricted contribution to the **PHS Annual Fund**. Gifts of securities are simple to make and may provide favorable tax benefits. Appreciated securities, held for more than one year, may be deducted from taxable income without paying a capital gains tax on the appreciated portion of the gift.

You may transfer shares electronically between your broker and PHS's broker at **Citigroup Smith Barney**. Please call the Development office at 215-988-8800 for written procedures for making a gift of stock. Please note that we have recently changed brokerage firms to Citigroup Smith Barney, and you will need new instructions if you have previously contributed stock to PHS.

Honor a Loved One with a Tribute Gift

Looking for a unique Mother's Day, Father's Day, or graduation gift? Consider making a donation to PHS in honor of a loved one's special occasion this spring, and we'll send a card advising the recipient of your gift. Tribute gifts support the **PHS Annual Fund** and the work of our Philadelphia Green program, which helps plant trees, grows produce for the city's food cupboards, and creates safe places for children to play in their neighborhoods. To make a donation in honor of someone special, please email *giving@pennhort.org* or call the Development office at 215-988-8800.

Travel with Us: PHS Trips for 2009

Gardens in Westchester County, NY

May 18 – 21

PHS members and guests will travel to Westchester County, New York, just north of New York City, to see private gardens large and small at the peak of bloom. These gardens are located on large estates, on small plots of land artfully designed to maximize the use of space, and on steep hillsides or rolling hills. One site even has a small "zoo" with several hundred animals and birds.

We'll also visit Wave Hill, an impressive public garden in the northern Bronx with stunning views of the palisades along the Hudson River. Storm King Art Center, a large outdoor sculpture garden on the west side of the Hudson River, is also on the itinerary. Overnight accommodations will be in Tarrytown, New York.

For more information or to sign up for a trip, please contact Betsy Gullan at *bgullan@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8778. Itineraries are available on the PHS website or by contacting Betsy.

Spring Meetings for McLean Library Book and Film Groups

Join "**Stories from the Garden**," the McLean Library's long-running book discussion group. Each month we read and discuss works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land. Book discussions begin at **5:45** pm. Participants must read books prior to the meetings.

Thursday, April 2, *Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited from Slavery*
Thursday, May 7, *Sky Burial: An Epic Love Story of Tibet*

Do you love to watch movies and talk about them? Join us in this **film discussion series** to talk about movies in which nature, gardens, or the environment play a role. Film discussions begin at 6 pm.

Tuesday, April 21, Two films by Werner Herzog: *Where the Green Ants Dream* (1984); *Aguirre, the Wrath of God* (1972). (Note: Green Ants will be screened at 4 pm in the library.)

Tuesday, May 19, Two films about redemption through gardening: *The Widow of St. Pierre* (2000), Patrice Leconte, dir.; and *Greenfingers* (2000) Joel Hirshman, dir. (Note: *Widow* will be screened at 4 pm in the library.)

Both groups meet in the PHS McLean Library, 100 N. 20th Street, in Philadelphia. Participation is free and open to all, but pre-registration is requested. For complete schedules, reading list, and film selections, and to register for either group, please contact Priscilla Becroft at pbecroft@pennhort.org or 215-988-8772, or visit the PHS website, *www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, and click on "Calendar."

Spring Into Your Park

Join your neighbors at your local park for the 10th annual Spring Into Your Park on **Saturday, April 18th**. This collaborative event, co-sponsored by PHS, the Department of Recreation, Fairmount Park, and thousands of neighborhood volunteers, and with support from the Great PA Cleanup, highlights the importance of parks in community life and the strength of the citywide parks network.

During this year's event, approximately 70 parks will be holding cleanups, workdays, festivals, plantings, and more. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1611.

2009 Kids Grow Expo

Friday, April 24, 9:30 am – 2 pm
Temple University Ambler College

The PHS Kids Grow Expo is a free horticultural event by and for school-age children. This year's theme is "**Trees Please**." Held in partnership with Temple University's EarthFest, Kids Grow Expo encourages youngsters from all over the Philadelphia region to celebrate Earth Day with educational exhibits, service-learning projects, and the "Junior Flower Show" competitive classes. For more information about the Expo or workshops, please visit the PHS website or contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *fnarducci@pennhort.org*.

Exhibition In McLean Library

PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia
June 19 – September 4

Works by participants in PHS botanical illustration classes will be on display in the McLean Library from June 19 through September 4. Stop by and admire during regular library hours! (Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5pm).

2009 City Gardens Contest

Contestants and Volunteers wanted

The PHS City Gardens Contest celebrates the efforts of city gardeners who transform urban plots in Philadelphia into flowering green havens. The City Gardens Contest attracts entries of all sizes and types, from tiny tucked-away spaces to enormous community gardens, tended by people of all backgrounds. The contest is open to Philadelphia residents and is judged by volunteers. **To enter your garden, please complete and return the from below by June 10, 2009**.

Volunteer judging teams are needed to visit gardens and evaluate them. **To volunteer or for more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *specialevents@pennhort.org*.** (Note: you do not have to be a Philadelphia resident to serve as a judge.)

City Gardens Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address of garden: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____

Check appropriate category:

- ☐ Individual Gardens
- ☐ Individual Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Flower Garden
- ☐ Combination Flower/Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Container Garden
- ☐ Child's Garden
- ☐ Community Gardens
- ☐ Community Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Community Flower/Sitting Garden
- ☐ Combination Vegetable/Flower Garden
- ☐ Children's Garden
- ☐ "Garden Block" with window boxes and sidewalk planters
- ☐ "The Greenest Block in Town" (street trees/front yards)

Return to: PHS, City Gardens Contest, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

All About Trees

Help Plant Trees in your Neighborhood

Come meet your neighbors, help plant trees, and enhance your community! Last fall, 30 groups of volunteers planted more than 1,000 trees in Philadelphia and hundreds more in neighboring counties in southeastern Pennsylvania through **TreeVitalize**. A program launched by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and led by PHS in southeastern PA, TreeVitalize engages citizens in helping to restore Pennsylvania's tree canopy.

Volunteer tree plantings are scheduled this spring in Philadelphia (April 25 & 26; May 2 & 3), as well as in Norristown (dates to be announced) and other communities in the region.

To find an event near you, please visit *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*. Click on "Philadelphia Green," then "All About Trees." The website features a clickable map where you can find exact locations for neighborhood plantings, dates, times, and contact information. You can also watch an instructional video on tree planting.

For more information, please contact Emily Jack-Scott at 215-988-1608 or escott@pennhort.org.

Become a Tree Tender!

The PHS **Tree Tenders** project, in partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, offers nine hours of hands-on tree care training for Pennsylvania residents. The free training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community.

Spring dates are as follows:

Chester County
West Chester University
Room 113 Boucher Hall, South Church St.
West Chester, PA 19383
Tuesdays: April 7, 14 & 21, 6 – 9 pm
To register contact Barley Van Clief at bvanclief@pennhort.org or 215-988-8793.

Scranton/Wilkes Barre
Marywood College
2300 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA
One-day program: April 4, 8 am – 4 pm
To register contact Vinnie Cotrone at vjc1@psu.edu or 570-825-1701.

Cambria County (Altoona area)
Cambria County Extension Office
499 Manor Drive
Ebensburg, PA 15931
One-day program: April 18, 8 pm – 4 pm
To register contact Mark Remcheck at mar15@psu.edu or 412-473-2754.

Philadelphia
PHS 100 N. 20th St. 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Wednesdays: May 20, 27 & June 3, 5:45 – 8:45 pm
To register contact Mindy Maslin at mmaslin@pennhort.org or 215-988-8844.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Veggies 101: Your Home Vegetable Garden
Wednesday, April 8, 10 am – 12 noon

Grow local, eat local! It's time to establish and grow your own vegetable garden. This workshop will address how to plan it and get started in a sunny area of your yard. **Sharon Kaszan**, Meadowbrook Farm horticulturist and former trials manager for W. Atlee Burpee & Co., will discuss varieties to choose, timing of seed sowing, fertilization and insect and disease controls, using both traditional and organic practices. There will be plenty of useful information for experienced vegetable gardeners as well. Enjoy succulent tomatoes and squash picked fresh from your own garden this summer! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walking Demonstration: Gardening in Tough Spots
Wednesday, April 15, 10 am – 12 noon

Every garden has its problem spots! Do you struggle getting plants to grow in dry shade, heavy soil, scorching sun, wet areas or "dead zones?" Come to Meadowbrook Farm and listen as head gardener **Glenn Ashton** shares his secrets for meeting these challenges by choosing the right plants for the right spot. Learn how to work with your environment rather than against it. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Shady Characters—Yearlong Interest in the Woodland Garden
Thursday, April 23, 10 am – 12 noon

The woodland garden is truly a spring flower show. The combination of trees, shrubs, perennials, biennials, and ephemerals is a delight to watch as the days grow longer and the soil warms up. You, too, can create a woodland wonderland once you understand shade in all its forms. This morning tour of Meadowbrook Farm gardens, led by **Glenn Ashton**, will focus on cultivating a woodland garden and keeping it exciting and going strong from year to year. Once you learn the basics, the fun begins as you add biennials and perennials to the landscape. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Spring Patio Pot
Thursday, May 7, 10 am – 12 noon

Meadowbrook Farm's patio pots are renowned for their style, grace, and plant combinations. In this workshop, you can choose from interesting plants and create your own unique flowering pot to enjoy for the summer. Whether your style is formal or informal, **Sharon Kaszan** will show you how to choose and arrange plants in a container for sun or shade. **Limit: 20. Fee: $55 members, $65 non-members.**

At the Water's Edge
Thursday, June 11, 10 am – 12 noon

In the late 1980s, a manmade pond was installed at Meadowbrook Farm. Through the years many native plantings have been incorporated into the site. Beginning at the bog at the water's edge, **Tom Reber** will identify and explain the placing of the different species thriving in this beautiful site and take you on a tour of the redeveloped garden. **Limit 20. Fee $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Cooking with Herbs
Thursday, June 25, 10 am – 12 noon

It's late June and the herbs you bought a month ago are going to seed! You need to use them faster. Join **Diana K. Weiner** as she explains the pairings of herbs with different vegetables and meats and mixes up some of her favorite recipes to share with you. Bring a fork! **Limit 30. Fee $28 members, $33 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Walk: Early Spring Bulbs
Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk, classroom discussion, and slide lecture will explore the cheerful, seasonal flowers of spring: "Dutch" bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald** will focus on the most rewarding spring-blooming bulbs, those that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Cool Containers—Exciting Plant Combinations for Early Spring
Thursday, April 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Most gardeners get itchy for a bit of green and color in early spring. But does the threat of severe temperature changes frighten you away from planting early spring containers? With a little creativity, your early-spring pots can include far more than just pansies. You can combine cold-tolerant annuals, bulbs, cut branches, perennials, and woody plants to create dynamic combinations that stand up to the season's changeable weather. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will offer ideas and inspiration during this demonstration, discussion, and tour of early-season containers at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs
Wednesday, April 22, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will demonstrate basic techniques and discuss all aspects of pruning garden shrubs. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Lift and Separate
Thursday, April 23, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Why has my iris stopped blooming? Why does my sedum have a big dead patch in the center? Maybe it's time to divide them. But with so many different plants, what's the best approach for each type? Learn the tricks of dividing and replanting to rejuvenate a variety of perennials—and increase their number, too. Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will share the best tools and techniques for separating different kinds of root systems. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk/Demonstration: Cold Frames and Other Season Extenders
Wednesday, May 6, 6 – 8 pm

Now is the time to expand your knowledge of self-sustaining vegetable gardening, and extend the season itself! Join **Doug Croft** for a walk through Chanticleer's Vegetable and Cut Flower gardens and learn how they use their cold frames to extend the season, from early harvest of cool-season vegetables and cutting cool-season annuals for spring arrangements to harvesting fall crops after the first frost. Doug will also cover how to build a cold frame, from the rudimentary bales of hay and an old window to the more elaborate ones at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Spring Season Walk
Thursday, May 7, 6 – 8 pm

This first in a series of three tours of Chanticleer's enchanting pleasure gardens will highlight plantings of seasonal interest in early May. We can expect to enjoy fragrant native azaleas in the Woodland Garden; Japanese primroses in the Asian Woods and along the Stream Garden, where they blend with waves of 'Blue Danube' camassias; and colorful poppies and geum in the Ruin and Gravel Garden. **Przemek Walczak** will be our guide. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Shade Perennials
Wednesday, May 13, 6 – 8 pm

Gardening in the shade poses a unique set of challenges, but the rewards can be most satisfying as you enjoy the cool blends of colors and textures only shady gardens offer. Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** as she explores plants growing in varying degrees and types of shade. As she leads us through the lovely grounds of Chanticleer, Lisa will point out spring perennials suited for moist and dry situations. She will also discuss soil preparation, plant selection, maintenance, and dynamic plant combinations. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Native Trees and Shrubs
Wednesday, May 20, 6 – 8 pm

These days there are so many choices in landscape plants, the selection process often intimidates us. But sometimes the answer is right under our noses. Take a walk through the gardens at Chanticleer with horticulturist **Dan Benarcik**, who will discuss native trees and shrubs that are both culturally and aesthetically suited for use in the Delaware Valley. Keep in mind that not only do these plants perform exceptionally; they also look good in our landscapes and gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Moss Gardening
Thursday, May 21, 6 – 8 pm

Here's a practical approach to growing one of the most beautiful groups of plants. **Przemek Walczak** will talk about starting and maintaining a patch of moss, a moss lawn, or a whole moss garden. We will look at examples of moss uses, tools, and techniques for its maintenance. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Line, Color, Form, and Hot New Plants
Wednesday, June 10, 6 – 8 pm

What makes a plant attractive? Is it the architecture, the effect it creates in the garden, the emotion the colors induce, or all of the above? Join horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** for a stroll through the gardens looking at what the Chanticleer staff does best: grows and displays new plants and innovative plant combinations. Dan will emphasize plants with interesting lines, texture, and color—both hardy and tender—that are suitable for Delaware Valley gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Bringing Nature Home
Thursday, June 11, 6 – 8 pm

The Delaware Valley offers a rich and exciting native plant palette, and this walk will focus on those plants that best thrive in our region. Natives are well adapted to our climate with its wet springs, dry late summers, and frigid winters. This group of plants not only offers exquisite flowers, but also provides food for insects and birds, which helps increase biodiversity. Horticulturist **Joe Henderson** will be our guide. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Screening Plants
Wednesday, June 17, 6 – 8 pm

Good fences make good neighbors, as the saying goes. But a well-designed group of interesting plants can provide a more creative and friendlier way to hide an undesirable view. In this walk with Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald,** you'll see a variety of plants that can define spaces and lend structure to the garden. Robert will discuss characteristics of plants used as hedges and screens and offer tips on selecting the best ones for your landscape. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Summer Seasonal Walk
Thursday, June 25, 6 – 8 pm

June is the best time for a walk in the garden! Join Horticulturist **Joe Henderson**, who will answer your plant questions as we tour Chanticleer—awash in color, foliage, and fragrance. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

WORKSHOP AT LOGAN SQUARE

Botanical Illustration: Portraits of Logan Square with Colored Pencil

Tuesday, May 12, 9:30 am – 3 pm, Rain Date: May 19

Join us at Logan Square in Center City Philadelphia, the crown jewel of the Paris-influenced Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which was recently renovated by PHS and the Fairmount Park Commission with funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts, for a springtime *plein air* botanical illustration workshop with **Eileen Rosen**. Instruction will include how to eliminate extraneous details, sketch a simple working drawing, and slowly build up and blend layers of vibrant colors to create a charming, miniature portrait of the site. A supplies list will be sent with your confirmation. We will meet promptly at 9:30 at the McLean Library at PHS and walk to Logan Square at 10 am. **Limit: 12. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize, Central America.

FIELD TRIPS

Private Gardens near Baltimore

Thursday, May 28, 7:15 am – 7 pm

Four extraordinary gardeners near Baltimore, MD, will welcome us for an enjoyable day of looking at stellar plants and fascinating landscapes.

Our first stop, in northern Baltimore, offers an amazing assemblage of trees and shrubs, including conifers and collections of Japanese umbrella pines and Japanese maples punctuated with interesting boulders, walls, and pathways on two acres. Next we'll visit a 45-year-old garden consisting primarily of woodland with mossy paths bordered by mature rhododendrons, azaleas, ferns, and shade-loving perennials. In sunny areas, two ponds provide the focus for beds of bulbs, perennials, and unusual shrubs. The garden is accented with sculpture, including some created by the owner.

At the third property, we'll enjoy a boxed lunch before exploring lovely gardens and pool areas decorated by a perennial border with masses of large containers blooming to perfection. Interesting plants, striking color combinations, and intriguing garden furniture and sculpture embellish the areas around the house. The final garden, a joint labor of love over two decades, has taken over every inch of a five-acre property. A series of garden rooms and pleasant woodland paths invite us to stroll.

Fee of $67 for PHS members and $77 for non-members includes round-trip transportation, entrance fees, lunch, and snacks on the bus. Bus pick-up locations are the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park (7:15 am) and PHS, 20th and Arch streets (7:30 am). We plan to return to PHS by 6:30 pm and to the Horticulture Center by 6:45.

Lancaster County Gardens

Tuesday, June 9, 7:15 am – 6:45 pm

Join us for an enjoyable day in Lancaster County to visit gardens where trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals thrive in rich fertile soil. As we drive through the county we will see beautiful, well-tended farms; lush, green landscapes; and an amazing number of greenhouses for the production of annuals and perennials.

Our first stop will be a private garden in Lancaster with five acres featuring perennials, roses, peonies, raised vegetable boxes, and lush container gardens. The lower lawn moves into wilder spaces providing habitats for birds.

We'll travel a short distance to Conestoga House, former home of Louise and James Hale Steinman, who created a foundation that opened the summer garden to the public in 1980, featuring tropicals and lush container plantings. On our guided tour, we'll see the back terrace, lime kiln, boxwood garden, rose garden, and water garden. After lunch we'll travel to the small town of Intercourse to visit a local retail nursery where you can purchase any treasures that catch your eye. Before returning to Philadelphia, we'll go to Strasburg to visit a small garden of Knockout® roses and a lovely private Victorian house reputed to have its own kindly spirits!

Fee: $65 members, $75 non-members (includes round-trip transportation, driver's tip, snacks, entrance or guide fees, and lunch). Bus pick-up points: 7:15 am at PHS (20th & Arch streets) or 7:30 am at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. Approximate return times 5:45 pm at the Horticulture Center and 6 pm at PHS.

Milford, Pa

Wednesday, June 24, 7:15 am – 7:30 pm

Join us for a journey to historic Milford, PA. Milford is located at the beginning of Route 6, touted as one of the most beautiful highways in the nation, stretching 400 miles across Pennsylvania and eventually as far as California. Only one square mile in size, Milford is an attraction for antique collectors, outdoor recreation, and small-town charm. Perched on the banks of the Delaware River, it is filled with lovely houses, fascinating shops, restaurants, museums, and other attractions.

Our first stop will be Grey Towers, the home and gardens of Gifford Pinchot, eminent conservationist, twice governor of Pennsylvania, and first chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Because of Pinchot's legacy, Milford locals brag that "conservation began here."

Next, we'll lunch at the newly restored Hotel Frauchère before visiting the farm of Richard Snyder on Llama Lane. Mr. Snyder, co-owner of Hotel Frauchère and an important figure in the restoration of Milford, owns a herd of 69 llamas plus a huge organic vegetable garden, which supplies vegetables for the hotel.

We will also visit Remembrance Place, a garden that received a PHS Country Greening Award acknowledging the superb efforts of the Milford Garden Club, our hosts for the day.

Fee of $92 members, $105 non-members includes round-trip transportation, driver's tip, entrance and guide fees, lunch at Hotel Frauchere, and snacks and beverages on the bus. Bus pick-up points will be at 7:15 am at PHS, 20th and Arch Streets, or 7:30 am at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. Estimated return time is 7:15 pm at the Horticulture Center and 7:30 pm at PHS.

2009 PHS GARDEN VISITS

West Chester Town and Country, PA

Sunday, June 7, 12 to 5 pm

Northeastern Montgomery County, PA

Sunday, June 28, 12 - 5 pm

Exclusively for PHS members and their guests, these are self-guided tours mostly of private gardens. **The fee is $10 for PHS members and $25 for guests of members**. Please note: pre-registration is required by May 22 for the West Chester visit and June 12 for the Northeastern Montgomery County visit. Please use the form below to sign up. Directions and a map will be sent a week or two in advance of the garden visit. For more information, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *programreg@pennhort.org.*

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

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Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
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REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Pressing and Creating Designs for Fun and Competition

Thursday, April 16, 10 am – 12 noon
GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, Reading, PA

Internationally recognized floral designer, lecturer, and pressed-flower artist **Eugene Burkhart** has entered flower shows throughout the United States and the world since he was six years old. His philosophy: "The way nature has fashioned flowers gives us a great but short-lived pleasure and delight. I enjoy capturing this delight by pressing and drying plant material to have the perfect medium for creating pictures, designs, and decorative items for lasting beauty." He is a skilled and award-winning instructor as well, with more than 35 years of experience teaching audiences of all skill levels.

In his studio at the GoggleWorks in Reading, PA, Gene will present a brief history of pressed plants; demonstrate how to press plants using a telephone book and plant press; discuss different designs, from botanicals to whole flower designs to intricate cut-work creations; and help you create your own design—matted and ready for an 8 x 10-inch frame. Bring a pair of scissors. Directions will be mailed with registration. **Limit: 20. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.**

Workshop: Trough Workshop and Demonstration

Monday, June 8, 10 am – 3:30 pm;
Raindate: June 12, 10 am – 3:30 pm
Danielsville, PA

Kay and Herb Johns welcome us to Point Phillip Perennials for a day-long experience making troughs and ornaments for the garden. In the morning, cement chemist Herb Johns guides us through the process of making a garden trough. After lunch he will demonstrate basic trough construction to create attractive decorative items for the garden.

These durable and weather-resistant garden troughs are portable containers varying in size, shape, and detail. They are made of hypertufa, a combination of cement, peat moss, and perlite, which is lighter than cement.

Fee: $40 members, $48 non-members (includes instruction and materials for the workshop, snacks and beverages, and afternoon demonstration). Please bring lunch; snacks and beverages will be provided. Participants will provide their own transportation. Danielsville is about one hour from Norristown, and carpooling is recommended. Travel directions and a list of what to bring will be sent upon registration. The workshop and demonstration will be outdoors in the sunshine, so please dress accordingly.

IN THE GARDEN

Mill **Fleurs**, Point Pleasant, PA

Friday, May 15, 2009, 10 am – noon

Join us for a guided tour of **Barbara and Robert Tiffany's** "Mill Fleurs," in an idyllic setting perched on the bank of the Tohickon Creek in Point Pleasant, PA, eight miles north of New Hope. The rustic 1742 gristmill and adjacent sawmill were skillfully converted into a lovely contemporary house in the 1990s, ideal to showcase the furniture the Tiffanys create. The surrounding area was painstakingly developed into woodland gardens that are home to an amazing array of deciduous trees; conifers; azaleas; rhododendron; hostas; epimedium; and other shrubs and perennials, some rarely seen in Zone 6. The plants are arranged by color families. Set into rock outcroppings, plantings can be enjoyed from two levels of paths on fairly steep slopes. The Tiffanys are foliage gardeners, relying on plant architecture and foliage texture, as well as flowers, to create interest.

Comfortable walking shoes are essential. Participants must provide their own transportation, and carpooling is recommended. We will supply a list of nearby restaurants, garden centers, and other places of interest, such as New Hope and Lahaska, to encourage you to "make a day of it" in this beautiful section of Bucks County. **Fee: $18 for members; $23 for non-members.** Fee includes tour and refreshments. Travel directions will be sent upon registration.

CITY GARDENING SERIES

The City Gardening Series, generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA, offers free events (unless otherwise noted) at locations throughout Philadelphia. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please **browse the calendar on the PHS website, *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*,** or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *citygardening@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

EVENING LECTURE AND TOUR

Teaching Old Buildings New Tricks: Green Roofs

PHS Auditorium and PECO Green Roof
Tuesday, June 23, 5:30 pm

The PECO Company has recently unveiled the largest green roof on an existing building in Pennsylvania. The 45,000-square-foot living roof atop a section of PECO headquarters is part of the utility company's five-year, $15.3 million initiative to become more environmentally friendly. The green roof is expected to absorb 60 to 70 percent of the estimated annual rainfall on the building and reduce runoff by at least 50 percent. It is also expected to help insulate the building during cold weather and cool it in summer.

This evening event will feature a presentation at PHS by **Kathy Martinelli**, manager of facilities operation at PECO, who will discuss PECO's goals in embarking on the green roof project, and **Charlie Miller**, a green roof consultant and principal for Roofscapes Inc. Topics will include types of green roofs, the role of green roofs in the new Philadelphia planning regulations, plant selection, and the role of soils in the water cycle of green roofs. After the presentation, we will walk to the PECO building and tour the roof and then return to PHS for a wine and cheese reception. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Charlie Miller is the founder and president of Roofscapes Inc. His award-winning customized green roof designs integrate aesthetic and technical requirements with an emphasis on thoughtful hydrologic engineering. He has 25 years of experience in projects related to civil and environmental engineering, including best-management practices for water resource management. He has been active in working with local governments to update stormwater management practices. Mr. Miller formed Roofscapes, Inc. in 1997 to introduce green roof technology as a tool for managing stormwater in urban and developing areas in the United States. Roofscapes Inc. supports and supervises a national network of landscape contractors that specialize in green roof installation.

Katherine Linehan Martinelli is currently on special assignment to manage PECO's five-year LEED/ Sustainability Initiative which commenced in 2008. Prior to this assignment, she was responsible for managing the operations of 24 PECO buildings encompassing 1.8 million square feet, as well as 400 substation locations. Prior to joining PECO, Kathy spent 25 years working for multidiscipline architectural and engineering firms.

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PHS Hosts Spring Park Cleanup

The sky was blue, the trees were in bloom, and volunteers blossomed all over the city for the 10th annual Spring Into Your Park on April 18. More than 2,000 volunteers, including local "friends of the park" groups, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, youth groups, corporate sponsors, and other community members, wielded shovels, spades, wheelbarrows, and brooms to spruce up 67 neighborhood parks throughout the city. Coordinated by PHS's Parks Revitalization Project, the collaborative event is designed to highlight the importance of parks in community life.

Spring Into Your Park helps kick off a new year of park activities. Throughout 2009, many of the 100 or so partner parks will undertake improvement projects ranging from purchasing new tools to repairing fountains and planting new gardens. One park, Dickinson Square in South Philadelphia, will install a "green wall" (with live plants) on the side of its recreation center.

The William Penn Foundation provided funds for these projects. Philadelphia Green managed the application process and is responsible for distributing the moneys to individual parks.

"Several parks this year are installing interpretive signs," notes Tammy Leigh DeMent, Parks Project manager. "The signs—some give the history of the park—help educate the community about the importance of parks and inspire more residents to get involved."

Spring Into Your Park was co-sponsored by volunteers associated with the PHS parks network, PHS, the Department of Recreation, and Fairmount Park. Additional support was provided by the City of Philadelphia, the Great PA Cleanup, Philadelphia Insurance Companies, Whole Foods, and the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation.

Volunteers pause for a photo during Spring Into Your Park at Gorgas Park in Roxborough. Friends of Gorgas Park leader John Boyce is at right.

Scandinavian Modern!

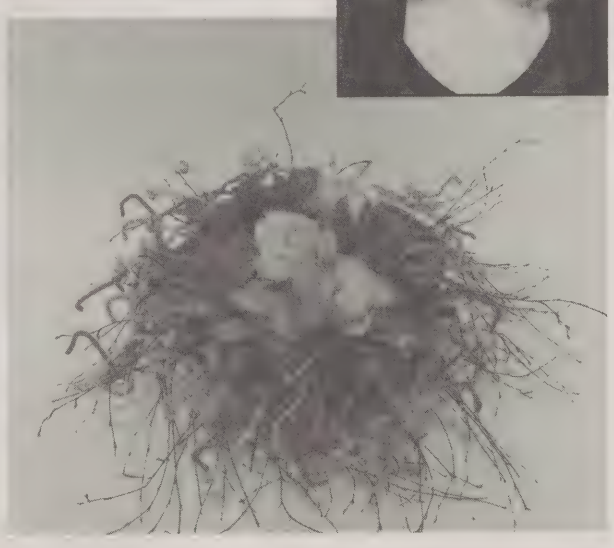
Floral Design Events with Kristin Voreland
October 28, 29, & 30

PHS presents Scandinavian Modern: Contemporary Floral Design at Home, a series of floral design events this fall with acclaimed Norwegian arranger Kristin Voreland. Ms. Voreland has lectured around the world and won the prestigious Europa Cup in 1986. Her work is in great demand, and every year she has the honor of decorating the Norwegian Royal Summer House. This is her first trip to the United States.

Ms. Voreland's design approach is attuned to world concerns about sustainability. She advocates enhancing selected flowers with natural elements from our gardens.

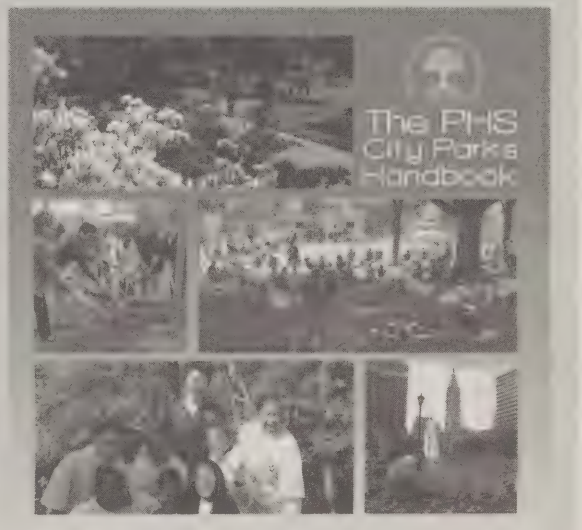
On Wednesday, October 28, Kristin will give a demonstration for all skill levels (with an optional buffet lunch), followed by hands-on workshops on Thursday, October 29 and an all-day master class for more advanced arrangers on Friday, October 30.

For more information, visit the PHS website and click on "Calendar," email *programreg@pennhort.org*, or call 215-988-8869. All the events will take place at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, and free parking is provided.



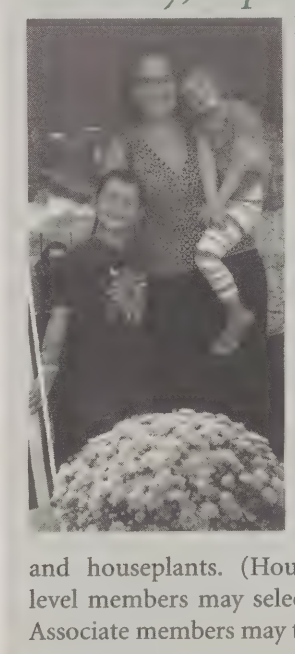
PHS Publishes *"City Parks Handbook"*

PHS announces publication of *The PHS City Parks Handbook*, a comprehensive look at the techniques that make its park program so successful. Written by staff members Jane Carroll, Daniel Moise, and Joan Reilly, the book shows readers how to form their own volunteer groups, raise funds, and transform their local parks. The soft-cover book was partially funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, and copies are available at Amazon.com for $19.95.



PHS Members' Day

Saturday, September 12, 2009



Mark your calendar and save the date for the 2009 PHS Members' Day on Saturday, September 12 from 11 am to 4 pm at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Members' Day includes the Annual Plant Dividend, when PHS members can redeem free plants as a benefit of membership. **Bring your valid membership card** and choose from an amazing array of perennials, trees, shrubs, and houseplants. (Household and Leadership-level members may select up to three plants and Associate members may take one plant.)

Members' Day offers something for everyone, including a marketplace; children's activities; horticultural presentations; and tours of the Navy Yard. Watch for more details in the August-September *PHS News* or visit *pennsylvania horticulturalsociety.org.*

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PHS News is now printed on recycled newsprint using soy-based ink. After you read it, please recycle it, compost it, or pass it along to a friend!

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Pepperpot: Moving Forward

As Flower Show designer Sam Lemheney's plans for *Bella Italia* unfolded last year, we began to get the feeling we had a great theme. After the first few thousand visitors had seen the Show on Members' Preview Day, we knew we had a winner. Flower Show attendance for 2009 surpassed the 2008 Show by a wide margin and, in recent years, was second only to *Legends of Ireland*—even with a snowstorm and troubling economic news swirling around.

I am grateful to all our wonderful exhibitors and volunteers for such a successful Flower Show. However, despite those good results, PHS, like many organizations, is affected by the dramatic changes that have taken place in the economy in the past year. After careful analysis we adopted a series of measures to enhance revenues and reduce expenses. The latter changes included salary reductions for members of the senior staff and, sadly, a few staff layoffs.

Contributions from foundations remain strong, and I am especially grateful to you, our members, for your generous support, which is so important at this time. It is my pleasure to offer a special welcome to new members, including many who signed up online during the Flower Show. Your presence at our events and your donations to everything from the Preview Dinner to Leadership Level contributions and the Annual Fund, are so important to our success.

We are fortunate in having a diverse funding base and are looking forward to an exciting year that includes a broad array of ambitious and high-quality programs in alignment with our mission *to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.* In keeping with PHS tradition, we will maintain our policy of sound fiscal management, with a balanced budget for 2010.

We remain committed to our core programs, including those for members. You will notice a few changes, which we hope will enhance the delivery of our services. These changes include this new style for *PHS News*. We also will look for increased opportunities for online communications and transactions. With so many people connected to the Internet, this is a cost-effective and eco-friendly move.

As you may have read recently in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, I have made the decision to retire from PHS in the spring of 2010. In future issues of *PHS News* we will keep you up to date on the activities of our Search Committee, led by Executive Committee member Margaret Sadler. The years I have spent at PHS have been wonderful, and I am honored to have been part of such an exceptional organization. There is a lot of work to do in the next year, including completion of the Legacy Landscapes endowment campaign, which I will address in upcoming issues of Pepperpot. As members, you are a special group and I thank you for your volunteer time and talents, as well as for your enthusiastic promotion of PHS. I look forward to seeing you soon at an upcoming event.

Ann Pepper

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Come to the Spring Open House

Saturday, June 20, 10 am – 5 pm

The Meadowbrook Farm Spring Open House will be held Saturday, June 20, from 10 am to 5 pm. Highlights include self-guided tours of the Pennock estate and gardens (until 4:30 pm), children's activities, and a bean-bag toss for discounts and prizes. The first 100 people to arrive will receive a free tomato plant, and anyone who becomes a PHS member or renews an existing membership will get a bonus plant.

The Open House is a great opportunity to stock up on plants and accessories for your home and garden. Vegetable gardening is taking off, and the Meadowbrook staff wants you to know you don't need acres of garden space to raise fresh produce. Container-grown veggies—including tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, squash, and cucumbers—taste just as good and can be purchased at the plant yard. Herbs also grow well in containers.

New in 2009, Meadowbrook will offer weekly tours of the estate house and private gardens to individual visitors. From June through October, individuals can enjoy a $15 docent-led tour each Thursday from 11 am to noon (rain or shine). No advance reservation is required; purchase your tour admission at the sales-yard checkout on the day of your visit. Tours will begin promptly at 11 am. Don't miss out on this behind-the-scenes look at Meadowbrook. Group tours (15 to 40 people) and workshops can be reserved by calling 215-887-5900.

See you at the Farm!

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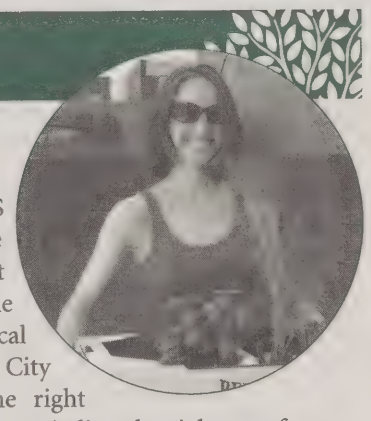
In the Spotlight

Christine Rabe



California native Christine Rabe knew about PHS before she moved to Philadelphia more than two years ago. Researching the organization while job hunting, she fell in love with the programs that get plants in front of people, especially people who wouldn't normally have access to nature.

Christine, 25, has been involved in the Young Friends of PHS since the group's inception. Geared toward members and volunteers age 40 and under, Young Friends has grown to include more than 240 people over the last two years. (Its fans on the popular social networking site Facebook now number 120 and counting.) Christine began by attending events and now serves as co-chair.

"Christine has been a remarkable and energizing force for Young Friends from the beginning," says Todd Baylson, open space planning manager for PHS's Philadelphia Green program and a member of the Young Friends Steering Committee. "She is an eloquent spokesperson whose enthusiasm, friendliness, and insight are helping us reach out to the next generation of caring volunteers and environmental stewards."

A development associate for White-Williams Scholars, a nonprofit that supports achievement of Philadelphia public high school students, Christine says, "In many ways, I believe PHS addresses justice issues in our city at a very basic level: the right to healthy local foods through the City Harvest program, the right to clean air through TreeVitalize, the right to safe neighborhoods through vacant land management and the park programs, the right to nature."

Christine rarely misses a Young Friends event. Spring outings included a workday at a community garden and a field trip to Terrain at Styers for lunch and shopping. On July 18, the group will take a bike tour of urban farms in Philadelphia.

"My favorite Young Friends events are the ones where we get outside in the dirt," she says. "They are the perfect mix of work and play. PHS is not just about some nice plants that make people smile. Through Philadelphia Green, it has a real, tangible impact in our neighborhoods. PHS has such a strong history in Philadelphia, and I am glad to be a part of building an even stronger legacy."

– Laura Hoover

For more information on Young Friends of PHS, contact *youngfriends@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8895.

Trees Help Communities Thrive

This spring, PHS coordinated hundreds of volunteers in planting more than 1,000 trees in Philadelphia, as well as dozens more in the cities of Chester and Norristown. It's all part of an effort to spur revitalization through the power of green.

"The tree plantings are serving as a catalyst for further greening in Chester and Norristown," explains Mike Groman, senior director of state and national outreach. "Many community groups and city agencies in these towns have participated in the plantings, and people are very excited about the prospects for additional greening projects, such as gardens, revitalized parks, and green streetscapes and plazas." Volunteers included students and staff from Widener University and Cabrini College.

In Philadelphia, more than 1,000 trees took root in 30 neighborhoods. Graduates of PHS's **Tree Tenders** training program, which teaches citizens to plant and care for street trees, recruited neighborhood volunteers and planted the trees over two weekends in April and May. Fairmount Park inspects street-tree sites in the city and issues permits, and its staff also helped with the massive planting.

"It's an amazing effort that has an immediate impact on the look and feel of these neighborhoods," says Michael Leff, TreeVitalize program manager for PHS.

The three-part Tree Tenders training drew a record number of attendees for the Norristown class in March. PHS will offer the training in Chester this fall, as well as three times per year in Philadelphia.

PHS's tree planting efforts are part of the TreeVitalize program. Launched by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and led by PHS in southeastern PA, TreeVitalize engages citizens in helping to restore Pennsylvania's tree canopy.

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If you would like to participate in future tree plantings in your community, please visit our website, click on "Philadelphia Green," then "All About Trees." The website features locations, dates, and contact information for tree plantings. You can watch a video on tree planting and download a tree-planting guidebook. Also check the website for upcoming Tree Tenders classes, or contact Mindy Maslin at mmaslin@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8844. To request a tree for your front yard or a street tree, contact Casey Combs at* ccombs@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8874.*

Volunteers with a newly planted tree in Norristown

Stormwater Solutions for the East Falls Neighborhood

A PHS project in the Philadelphia neighborhood of East Falls may help take the city one step forward toward solving the problem of excess stormwater runoff.

East Falls is perched on a steep hillside adjacent to the Schuylkill River. Its main artery, Midvale Avenue, can turn into a raging stream during heavy rainstorms. The rushing water not only causes headaches for homeowners and businesses, but it also contributes to flooding on Kelly Drive and picks up all kinds of contaminants on the way to the river.

With funding from the William Penn Foundation, PHS is working in partnership with the East Falls Development Corporation (EFDC) to address the issue. PHS is leading a collaborative working group to seek green solutions for public areas along Midvale Avenue, such as vegetated curb extensions, trenches, and infiltration swales. EFDC will work with residents to make changes on their own properties to retain and reuse rainwater, such as installing rain barrels, containers, and rain gardens.

In April, PHS convened a group of 40 planners, landscape architects, water quality experts, and contractors from key city agencies and other regional experts to come up with systems for design, permitting, construction, and maintenance of landscape-based stormwater infrastructure.

"Midvale Avenue is a public right of way with gas and power lines, water lines, bus routes, bike lanes, businesses, a school, and houses," says Joy Lawrence, PHS manager of environmental initiatives. "By bringing our agencies and experts all together, we can share our best thinking and figure out how to make this work for everybody."

The goal is to generate plans and present them to the community for input by December 2009. Although the end result will be specifically tailored to Midvale Avenue, PHS believes it may serve as a template for stormwater solutions throughout the city, as well as in other riverside towns and neighborhoods.

"Every location will have its own assets and limitations, but our hope is to work toward an easy-to-replicate model for green solutions for stormwater management throughout the city and beyond," says Philadelphia Green director Nancy O'Donnell.

PHS staff member Mark Paronish (left) talks with experts at the April meeting in East Falls.

Philadelphia Green News on the Web

Want to know more about what's happening with Philadelphia Green? Visit the new Philadelphia Green News online. There you'll find regularly updated info and stories (complete with photographs) that fully illustrate the exciting work of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's comprehensive urban greening program. If you want to stay connected to Philadelphia Green, visit *philadelphiagreen.wordpress.com.*

Greenworks Philadelphia

This spring Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter announced "Greenworks Philadelphia," a plan to make Philadelphia the greenest city in the nation by 2015. The plan outlines 15 ambitious goals, including reducing energy consumption and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. It also calls for planting 300,000 trees throughout the city to improve air quality and help reduce stormwater runoff, as well as creating and improving parks and open space.

PHS executive vice president J. Blaine Bonham Jr. serves on the mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board, and along with other PHS staff, has been providing the Nutter Administration with advice and research data on the benefits of trees and green space. Through its Philadelphia Green program, PHS has been at the forefront of greening initiatives in the city. "Research has shown that cities with vibrant park systems, gardens, and tree-lined streets not only offer a higher quality of life, but also fare better economically by attracting residents and jobs," Bonham says. "We're thrilled that Mayor Nutter is calling for more investment in open space."

For more about Greenworks Philadelphia, visit *greenworksphila.org.*

Growing the Future of PHS

Join the 1827 Society at Half Price- Take Advantage of the Solomon Challenge before June 30!

Mark and Paula Solomon, longtime friends of PHS who believe strongly in the benefits of greening, have generously offered to fund half the upgrade fee for every current member who joins The 1827 Society before June 30, 2009. Additionally, non-members are eligible to join The 1827 Society at half the cost.

Spring is the perfect time to become an 1827 Society member. In addition to many special events, benefits include a 20 percent discount on plants at Meadowbrook Farm, a PHS affiliate in Abington Township, where you can purchase superior perennials, annuals, and vegetables for your garden. Members of The 1827 Society also receive 12 Flower Show tickets and a behind-the-scenes tour before the Show opens to the public.

Take advantage of this special offer to join The 1827 Society at this discounted price before June 30, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Betts, Member Services director, at 215-988-8819 or *sbetts@pennhort.org*.

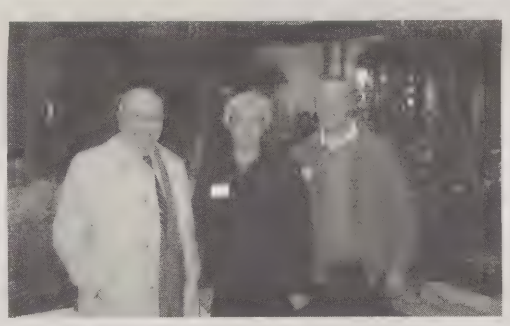
1827 Society and Leadership Level Events

A tour of Philadelphia Green projects is planned for Saturday, June 20 from 9 am to noon. Leadership Level members will board a trolley at PHS headquarters (20th & Arch streets) and visit community gardens, parks, and public sites throughout Philadelphia. If you are a Leadership Level member (contributing level and above) interested in attending the trolley tour, please contact Member Services director Suzanne Betts at 215-988-8819 or *sbetts@pennhort.org*. Current members who would like to upgrade their membership to a Leadership Level should also contact Suzanne.

Sponsoring, Sustaining and 1827 Society members travelled to the celebrated public garden **Wave Hill** in New York in May. Marco Polo Stufano, retired director of horticulture and the gardening genius behind the Wave Hill gardens, served as our guide.

Also in May, 1827 Society members visited Mill Race Farm, home of 1827 Society members Lloyd and Thacher Brown, for the annual 1827 Society garden party. The Browns were featured in *Green Scene* (November/December 2007) for creating a riparian forest buffer along Darby Creek, which winds through their property.

Private tour of Macy's Flower Show



In April, 1827 Society members enjoyed a private tour of the Macy's Flower Show in the Center City store, the former site of Wanamaker's department store flower shows, which were held most years from the 1930s through the early 1970s. This year, PHS partnered with Macy's and Burke Brothers Landscape Design/Build to host the show, which transformed the Center City store into a vibrant dreamscape, showcasing distinctive garden environments overflowing with exotic trees and flowering plants. Shown here are Alan Slack (left) with Cindy and Charlie Landreth.

An Afternoon of Shopping at Lilly Pulitzer Benefits PHS

On Earth Day (April 22) women's fashion store Lilly Pulitzer sponsored a shopping event at its King of Prussia location, designating 10 percent of all the day's proceeds to benefit PHS. Members of the Azalea Garden Party Committee turned out to choose outfits for the annual Azalea Garden Party, held in May. Shown here are PHS senior director of Development Melissa DeRuiter (left) with Brynn Harbert of Lilly Pulitzer.

Help PHS meet the Independence Foundation Challenge!

As the end of our fiscal year approaches on June 30, please consider making a gift to the **PHS Annual Fund.** Contributions provide unrestricted support for community gardens, parks, neighborhood tree plantings, youth education, and training programs.

This year, your contribution can have an even bigger impact through the **Independence Foundation Challenge.** PHS needs to raise $10,000 in new and increased gifts by June 30 to receive a matching grant of $15,000. With your help, we can achieve this goal.

To make a gift, simply return the **form below** to PHS Annual Fund, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, or visit our secure website at *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/support.* Thank you for your support!

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2009 PHS Annual Fund and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Phone_____Email_____

Please accept a gift of: ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $150 ☐ Other_____

I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership

Payment Method

____Check enclosed (payable to PHS)

OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card#_____

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Signature_____

Mail To: PHS Annual Fund, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Visit our secure website at *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/supportphs.*

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Membership News

NEW! PHS "Planting Seeds. Growing Lives." Tote Bag

Whether you are at the grocery store, in the garden, or at the beach, these reusable canvas totes are a great way to show your support for PHS. **Cost is $10 per bag or 3 for $25** (includes shipping and handling). To purchase by credit card, please call 215-988-8776. You can mail a check with the form at right. Supplies are limited, so order yours today!

Send Us your Email!

Help PHS reduce costs and our impact on the environment by sending your current email address to *PHS-Info@pennhort.org*. You will receive email announcements of upcoming events, educational programming, and shopping discounts, as well as membership renewal notification. Thanks!

New Vendor Discounts for PHS Members

We are pleased to announce that the following vendors now offer discounts to PHS Members. A full list of vendors is on the PHS website.

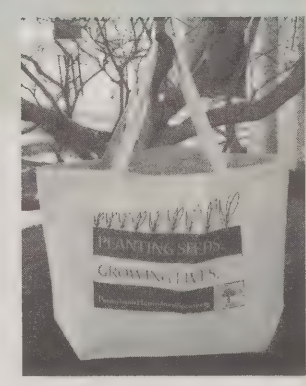
City Planter
10 percent off all non-sale items
814 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-627-6169
cityplanter.com

Holly Days Nursery
10 percent off plants
1201 Horsham Road, Ambler, PA 19002
215-283-3228
hollydaysnursery.com

You must present an active PHS membership card to receive these discounts. To request a duplicate card or to renew your membership, please contact Member Services at 215-988-8776.

We welcome new vendors to participate in the Members' Discount Program. If you would like us to invite a specific garden center or nursery in your area to participate, please contact Allison Burkhart in Member Services at *aburkhart@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1628.

PHS "Planting Seeds. Growing Lives." TOTE BAG ORDER FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Tote Bags:_____

Total Cost ($10/each or 3 for $25): _____

_ Check enclosed (payable to PHS)

_ Please charge my credit card (check one) _VISA _MC _ AmEx

Card #: _____ Exp. Date:_____

Signature: _____

Mail form to: The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Attn: Member Services
100 N. 20th Street 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

2009 PHS Major Awards

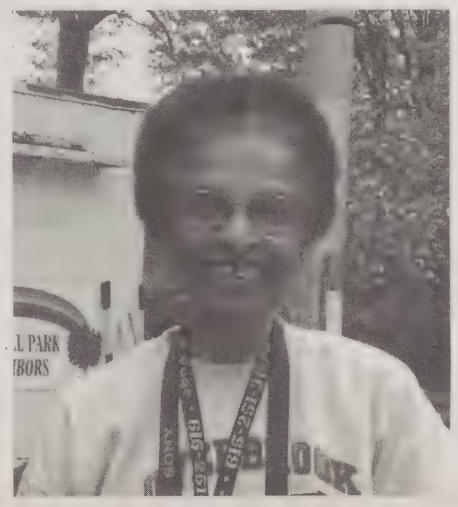
PHS is pleased to announce the winners of the Major Awards for 2009. Awards will be formally presented at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 10.

Distinguished Achievement Medal
Walter Off

Walter Off seamlessly blends science and art in his family's business, Waldor Orchids, based near Atlantic City, NJ. Since his father, George Off, founded the business in 1927, Walt and his family have seen it grow from a small enterprise catering to "the eccentric hobby of the wealthy" to the largest commercial orchid grower in the state. Walt is a mover and shaker in the American Orchid Society, is a breeder of distinction, and has traveled the world to collect orchids.

The Off family started displaying orchids at the Philadelphia Flower Show in the 1930s, and after a mid-century hiatus, Waldor Orchids has rarely missed exhibiting for more than 30 years. Past exhibits have transported visitors to China, Hawaii, and other exotic locales and have earned numerous honors. Legions of orchid lovers are thrilled each year after purchasing a *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis*, or another wonderful orchid from Waldor's booth at the Flower Show Marketplace, as well as at the company's home base in New Jersey.

Certificates of Merit
Doris Gwaltney



Doris Gwaltney is a tireless advocate for parks and a spokesperson for their positive impact on communities. She was the driving force behind the transformation of Carroll Park, in West Philadelphia, changing it from a desolate and dangerous spot into a clean and vibrant gathering place for her neighborhood. Doris was featured in the inspiring documentary, *Edens Lost & Found: Philadelphia, The Holy Experiment.*

An enthusiastic volunteer and cheerleader for PHS, Doris has served on PHS Council and is a member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board. Most recently, she was a PHS Village ambassador at the 2009 Flower Show.

Doris is also the longtime president of the Carroll Park Neighbors Advisory Council, which helps organize clean-ups, park patrols, youth activities, and summer events. She serves as a board member of both the Philadelphia Parks Alliance and Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Ed MacFarland

Ed MacFarland has been a devoted and much-loved PHS volunteer, lending his time and considerable horticultural expertise at the Philadelphia Flower Show for the past 25 years. He is one of the great volunteers who can—and does—do just about anything anywhere he is needed. He takes more than a week off from work each year to help run the Horticultural Information Booth and speaks about roses or herbs in the Gardener's Studio. He chaired the Plant Dividend Committee, which organizes the popular event held annually on Members' Day, and still serves on that committee.

Outside PHS, Ed is involved with the Philadelphia Rose Society and received the Philadelphia Bronze Medal from that organization in 2005. He is an American Rose Society consulting rosarian in Montgomery County and a member of the Tamanend Park Herb Gardening Club in Bucks County.

Eve Thyrum

Rob Cardillo

It's almost impossible to think of a plant Eve Thyrum has not grown at Frog Hollow, her Wilmington-area garden. From succulents and hostas to native shrubs and exotic trees, Eve has coaxed the best out of thousands of plants both common and rare and has encouraged other gardeners to try them too.

Eve and her husband, Per, have been working on their two-and-a-half-acre garden for almost 30 years. Frog Hollow is part of the Garden Club of America Collection in the Smithsonian Institution Research Information System (SIRIS) and is a registered wildlife sanctuary. Eve and her garden have been featured in *Fine Gardening*, *Southern Living*, and local newspapers, as well as on websites like Gardening Gone Wild.

Eve served as co-chair of the Horticulture Classes at the 2005 and 2006 Flower Shows. She and Per have generously opened Frog Hollow to PHS and other horticultural organizations for tours and events. Eve is a board member of the Hardy Plant Society, Mid-Atlantic Group, and serves on the Education Committee of Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College.

2009 Community Greening Award

Co-sponsored by PHS and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, the Community Greening Award recognizes neighborhood and civic groups, garden clubs, businesses, and municipalities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware who plant and maintain public green spaces. Nominations will be accepted for parks, main street planters, church gardens, train stations, municipal grounds, and other public plantings.

To qualify, a garden space must serve as a community amenity and must be open to the public free of charge. If you know of a public space planting in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or Delaware that should be recognized by PHS, please contact Flossie Narducci at *specialevents@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897. **The deadline for nominations is June 30.**

2008 Winner, Salesianum School, Wilmington, Delaware

McLean Library Book Sale

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

9:30 am – 5 pm

Mark your calendar for the annual PHS McLean Library Book Sale! Buy new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices. A small selection of prints will be on sale. New this year: between 4 and 5 pm, buy as many books as you can fit into a grocery bag for $1! Proceeds benefit the McLean Library.

Gardeners, this is a wonderful opportunity to recycle your used books by donating them for the sale. We are seeking books on gardens, plants, the landscape, and natural history. Drop off books at the McLean Library between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Questions? Call 215-988-8772 or email *pbecroft@pennhort.org*.

Betsy Gullan to Retire

Betsy Gullan, education manager for members' activities, will retire at the end of June after 26 years at PHS.

Betsy joined the PHS staff in 1983 as membership coordinator. Over the years, she has helped provide a range of educational offerings to members, including workshops taught by renowned horticultural and floral design experts and trips to destinations of horticultural interest, both near and far. Betsy also launched the PHS Shoppe at the Flower Show. Recently she initiated programs to meet a growing demand among members throughout southeastern Pennsylvania.

"The PHS membership program remains strong today because of the high customer service standards Betsy put into place many years ago," says Suzanne Betts, PHS membership director.

"Betsy's many successes at PHS are built upon her amazing approach to working with people," adds executive vice president Blaine Bonham. "PHS extends heartfelt thanks for her excellent work and many contributions."

Education Programs

On a chilly April day, about 15 people attended the "Veggies 101" workshop at Meadowbrook Farm led by horticulturist Sharon Kaszan.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

At the Water's Edge
Thursday, June 11, 10 am – 12 noon

In the late 1980s, a manmade pond was installed at Meadowbrook Farm. Through the years many native plantings have been incorporated into the site. Beginning at the bog at the water's edge, **Tom Reber** will identify and explain the placing of the different species thriving in this beautiful site, take you on a tour of the redeveloped garden, and present solutions for the special challenges pond owners face. **Limit 20. Fee $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Cooking with Herbs
Thursday, June 25, 10 am – 12 noon

It's late June and the herbs you bought a month ago are going to seed! You need to use them faster. Join **Diana K. Weiner** as she explains the pairings of herbs with different vegetables and meats and mixes up some of her favorite recipes to share with you. Bring a fork! **Limit 30. Fee $28 members, $33 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Line, Color, Form, and Hot New Plants
Wednesday, June 10, 6 – 8 pm

What makes a plant attractive? Is it the architecture, the effect it creates in the garden, the emotion the colors induce, or all of the above? Join horticulturist **Dan Benarcik** for a stroll through the gardens looking at what the Chanticleer staff does best: grows and displays new plants and innovative plant combinations. Dan will emphasize plants with interesting lines, texture, and color—both hardy and tender—that are suitable for Delaware Valley gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Bringing Nature Home
Thursday, June 11, 6 – 8 pm

The Delaware Valley offers a rich and exciting native plant palette, and this walk will focus on those plants that thrive in our region. Natives are well adapted to our climate with its wet springs, dry late summers, and frigid winters. This group of plants not only offers exquisite flowers, but also provides food for insects and birds, which helps increase biodiversity. Horticulturist **Joe Henderson** will be our guide. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Screening Plants
Wednesday, June 17, 6 – 8 pm

Good fences make good neighbors, as the saying goes. But a well-designed group of interesting plants can provide a more creative and friendlier way to hide an undesirable view. In this walk with Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald**, you'll see a variety of plants that can define spaces and lend structure to the garden. Robert will discuss characteristics of plants used as hedges and screens and offer tips on selecting the best ones for your landscape. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Summer Seasonal Walk
Thursday, June 25, 6 – 8 pm

June is the best time for a walk in the garden! Join Horticulturist **Przemek Walczak**, who will answer your plant questions as we tour Chanticleer—awash in color, foliage, and fragrance. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Botany for Beginners
Wednesday, July 8, 6 – 8 pm

Have you ever wondered how lilies differ from daylilies or why abutilon is related to rose-of Sharon? Using Chanticleer's flower gardens as a laboratory, **Robert Herald** will discuss basic facts of plant morphology and how this relates to classification and identification. During this hands-on class, we will learn how to look at garden plants with a botanist's eye. Leaf shapes and arrangement, plant habit, and flower parts will be investigated using simple terms and explanations. This class is ideal for gardeners who want to gain a deeper understanding of plants. The evening will conclude with the identification of a variety of garden plants using a botanical key. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

House and Garden
Wednesday, July 15, 6 – 8 pm

Built in 1913, Chanticleer was part of the Country Place Era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many businessmen and industrialists built expansive country estates away from the congestion of cities. Designed initially as a summer home close to railroad transportation from Philadelphia, the house was enlarged in 1924 to become a year-round residence. This tour will include the ground floor of the main house with an emphasis on the relationship of the house to the greater landscape. We will learn about house contents and family history from archivist **Anne Sims**, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss the gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Sensational Summer Containers
Wednesday, July 22, 6 – 8 pm

Container gardening at Chanticleer goes way beyond the ordinary, mingling annual, perennial, tropical, and subtropical plants in vibrant, highly creative combinations. **Dan Benarcik** will discuss how to create successful container gardens and offer suggestions for appealing plant combinations. He'll also talk about cultural concerns such as soil mixes, watering, and fertilization. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Water Features for Every Garden
Wednesday, July 29, 6 – 8 pm

No garden, of any size, should be without a water feature. Water attracts wildlife and instantly transforms mood by adding the vibrancy of movement. Check out the exciting water features at Chanticleer with a walk and talk by pond and creek gardener **Joe Henderson**. We will look at various water features, how they function, and how you can incorporate the sound and music in your own space. We will also look at plants that will be well suited for your new wet environment. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: The Mixed Summer Border
Wednesday, August 5, 6 – 8 pm

If you've ever wondered how to achieve that "wow" factor in your own garden, take this opportunity to study lush mixed borders on this walk through the summer garden at Chanticleer. **Jonathan Wright** will highlight a few specific borders and deconstruct each planting. He'll discuss the elements that make up a successful mixed border, highlighting perennials, annuals, bulbs and woody plants, as well as offer tips for successful succession planting and four-season interest. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost

Total Fee: $

Name:_____ Member ID#_____

Guest(s):_____
(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: (day)_____ (evening)_____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number:_____ Expiration: _____

☐ **I/We would like to support PHS education programs. Donation amount: ___ (select payment method above).**

Walk: Ornamental Grasses
Wednesday, August 12, 6 – 8 pm

Ornamental grasses are easy to care for, graceful and elegant yet tough, and drought and deer resistant. There are so many to choose from in heights and colors for every garden. **Robert Herald** will show you how these simple plants can become exclamation points in your garden. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

WOODY PLANT CONFERENCE

Friday, July 17, 2009
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

The 2009 Woody Plant Conference offers a full day of presentations on a range of horticultural topics, including beautifying public parks with plants, tree breeding, the oak genus, pest management, and more.

Speakers include **Rick J. Lewandowski**, director of the Mt. Cuba Center in Greenville, Delaware; **Lynden B. Miller**, a noted public garden designer in New York City and director of the Conservatory Garden in Central Park; **Richard Olsen**, lead scientist for the US National Arboretum's urban tree breeding program; entomologist **Paula Shrewsbury**, associate professor and extension specialist in ornamental and turf integrated pest management at the University of Maryland; and **Guy Sternberg**, founding president of the International Oak Society and owner of Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg, Illinois.

The Woody Plants Conference is co-sponsored by PHS, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum. The conference includes lunch and tours of the Scott Arboretum. **For a registration form, please visit *woodyplantconference.org* or call the continuing education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507.**

FIELD TRIPS

Lancaster County Gardens
Tuesday, June 9, 7:15 am – 6:00 pm

Join us for an enjoyable day in Lancaster County to visit gardens where trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals thrive in rich fertile soil. As we drive through the county we will see beautiful, well-tended farms; lush, green landscapes; and an amazing number of greenhouses for the production of annuals and perennials.

Our first stop will be a private garden in Lancaster with five acres featuring perennials, roses, peonies, raised vegetable boxes, and lush container gardens. The lower lawn moves into wilder spaces providing habitats for birds.

We'll travel a short distance to Conestoga House, former home of Louise and James Hale Steinman, who created a foundation that opened the summer garden to the public in 1980. On our guided tour, we'll see the back terrace, lime kiln, boxwood garden, rose garden, and water garden. After lunch we'll travel to the small town of Intercourse to visit a local retail nursery where you can purchase any treasures that catch your eye. Before returning to Philadelphia, we'll go to Strasburg to visit a small garden of Knockout® roses and a lovely private Victorian house reputed to have its own kindly spirits!

Fee: $65 members, $75 non-members (includes round-trip transportation, driver's tip, snacks, entrance or guide fees, and lunch). Bus pick-up points: 7:15 am at PHS (20th & Arch streets) or 7:30 am at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. Approximate return times 5:45 pm at the Horticulture Center and 6 pm at PHS.

Milford, PA
Wednesday, June 24, 7:15 am – 7:30 pm

Join us for a journey to historic Milford, PA. Milford is located at the beginning of Route 6, touted as one of the most beautiful highways in the nation, stretching 400 miles across Pennsylvania and eventually as far as California. Only one square mile in size, Milford is an attraction for antique collectors, outdoor recreation, and small-town charm. Perched on the banks of the Delaware River, it is filled with lovely houses, fascinating shops, restaurants, museums, and other attractions.

Our first stop will be Grey Towers, the home and gardens of Gifford Pinchot, eminent conservationist, twice governor of Pennsylvania, and first chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

Next, we'll lunch at the newly restored Hotel Frauchère before visiting the farm of Richard Snyder on Llama Lane. Mr. Snyder owns a herd of 69 llamas plus a huge organic vegetable garden, which supplies vegetables for the hotel.

We will also visit Remembrance Place, a garden that received a PHS Country Greening Award acknowledging the superb efforts of the Milford Garden Club, our hosts for the day.

Fee of $92 members, $105 non-members includes round-trip transportation, driver's tip, entrance and guide fees, lunch at Hotel Frauchère, and snacks and beverages on the bus. Bus pick-up points will be at 7:15 am at PHS, 20th and Arch Streets, or 7:30 am at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. Estimated return time is 7:15 pm at the Horticulture Center and 7:30 pm at PHS.

2009 PHS GARDEN VISITS

Northeastern Montgomery County, PA
Sunday, June 28

A favorite benefit of PHS membership, the PHS Garden Visits spotlight exceptional private gardens in the Greater Philadelphia region. There is still time to sign up for the Garden Visits in Northeastern Montgomery County. The self-guided tour of several private gardens is from 12 noon to 5 pm. **Pre-registration is required by June 12. The fee is $10 for PHS members and $25 for guests** of members. Please use the form on previous page to sign up. Directions and a map will be sent prior to the event. For more information, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *programreg@pennhort.org*.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Workshop: Trough Workshop and Demonstration
Monday, June 8, 10 am – 3:30 pm;
Raindate: June 12, 10 am – 3:30 pm
Danielsville, PA

Kay and Herb Johns welcome us to **Point Phillip Perennials** for a day-long experience making troughs and ornaments for the garden. In the morning, cement chemist Herb Johns guides us through the process of making a garden trough. After lunch he will demonstrate basic trough construction to create attractive decorative items for the garden.

These durable and weather-resistant garden troughs are portable containers varying in size, shape, and detail. They are made of hypertufa, a combination of cement, peat moss, and perlite, which is lighter than cement.

Fee: $40 members, $48 non-members (includes instruction and materials for the workshop, snacks and beverages, and afternoon demonstration). Please bring lunch. Participants will provide their own transportation. Danielsville is about one hour from Norristown, and carpooling is recommended. Travel directions and a list of what to bring will be sent upon registration. The workshop and demonstration will be outdoors in the sunshine, so please dress accordingly.

EVENING LECTURE AND TOUR

Teaching Old Buildings New Tricks: Green Roofs
PHS Auditorium and PECO Green Roof
Tuesday, June 23, 5:30 pm

The PECO Company recently unveiled the largest green roof on an existing building in Pennsylvania. The 45,000-square-foot living roof atop a section of PECO headquarters is part of the utility company's five-year, $15.3 million initiative to become more environmentally friendly. The green roof is expected to absorb 60 to 70 percent of the estimated annual rainfall on the building and reduce runoff by at least 50 percent. It is also expected to help insulate the building during cold weather and cool it in summer.

This event will feature a presentation at PHS by **Kathy Martinelli**, manager of facilities operation at PECO, who will discuss PECO's goals in embarking on the green roof project, and **Charlie Miller**, a green roof consultant and principal for Roofscapes Inc. Topics will include types of green roofs, the role of green roofs in the new Philadelphia planning regulations, and plant selection. After the presentation, we will walk five blocks to the PECO building and tour the roof, then return to PHS for a wine and cheese reception. **Limit 50. Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Founder and president of Roofscapes Inc., Charlie Miller has 25 years of experience in projects related to civil and environmental engineering. Katherine Linehan Martinelli is on special assignment to manage PECO's five-year LEED/Sustainability Initiative.

CITY GARDENING SERIES

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer… A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org, *or contact Marilyn Reynolds at* citygardening@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8872.*

Curb Appeal—A Welcoming Landscape
Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Roxborough Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6245 Ridge Avenue

Kitchen Garden in a Pot
Saturday, June 6, 2 – 3 pm
Joseph E. Coleman Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
68 W. Chelten Avenue

Designing and Planting a Window Box
Monday, June 8, 4 – 5 pm
Lillian Marrero Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
601 W. Lehigh Avenue

The Cutting Garden
Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

Vertical Gardening—Hanging Baskets
Saturday, June 13, 11 am – 12 noon
Dickinson Square Park
Parson's Building (inside the park)
4th and Tasker Streets

Growing a Vegetable Garden in Tough Times
Monday, June 15, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Thomas F. Donatucci Sr. Branch,
Free Library of Philadelphia
1935 Shunk Street

Vertical Gardens—Hanging Baskets
Wednesday, June 17, 6:30 – 7:30
Whitman Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
200 Snyder Avenue

Gardening for Four Seasons
Wednesday, June 24, 6 – 7 pm
Wynnefield Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
5325 Overbrook Avenue

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Call for Photos and Entries

If you are a PHS member and taking a trip abroad this summer, we need your help! Please share your photos and videos with us if you are traveling to Brazil, Singapore, Holland, India, South Africa, and New Zealand, the countries to be featured in the 2010 Philadelphia Flower Show, "Passport to the World."

Footage of landscapes and flowers (two minutes and under) and photographs (five megabytes or 72 dpi jpegs) will be posted on the Flower Show Blog and Flower Show Flickr page. **Please email them to *passport@pennhort.org*.**

"Passport to the World," to be held February 28 to March 7, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, will present an international bouquet of exhibits with flowers and plants from around the globe. The 2010 Show also will include music, food, and wines from around the world.

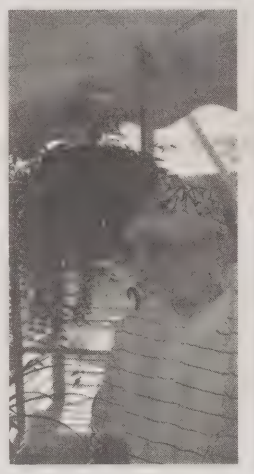
For more information, please visit *theflowershow.com*.

Exhibition in McLean Library

PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, June 19 – September 4

Works by participants in PHS botanical illustration classes will be on display in the McLean Library from June 19 through September 4. Stop by and admire during regular library hours! (Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm).

Scenes from PHS Kids Grow Expo 2009



More than 6,000 schoolchildren attended the 2009 Kids Grow Expo, held in conjunction with Temple University's Earth Fest at its Ambler campus.

It's a Snap!
Enter the 2009 Green Scene *magazine "Garden Photo Contest"*

Love taking pictures? If so, we want to see your best photos of flowers, gardens, houseplants, landscapes, or people enjoying the outdoors for the 2009 Green Scene "Garden Photo Contest." The judges will look for knock-out images that capture the joy of gardening and nature. Winning photos will be published in the January/February 2010 issue of *Green Scene* and on the PHS website.

Photos can be shot in any format, but must be submitted as 4 x 6- or 5 x 7-inch prints with your name, phone number, and email address on the back. No submissions by email or on CD will be accepted. **The deadline for entries is September 18, 2009.**

For more information, please visit *pennsylvania horticulturalsociety.org*, email *greenscene@pennhort.org*, or call Daniel Moise at 215-988-8871.

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Special Horticulture Classes for 2010 Philadelphia Flower Show

Bulb selections and challenge plants for the 2010 Philadelphia Flower Show had not been selected by press time. For a list of these plants, please see the Flower Show website (*theflowershow.com*) or email *fsguide@pennhort.org*.

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PHS Members' Day is September 12

The Navy Yard, Philadelphia
11 am – 4 pm

Don't miss the 2009 PHS Members' Day on Saturday, September 12, from 11 am to 4 pm at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia.

Members' Day is a fun-filled event for the entire family, featuring:

- The Annual Plant Dividend
- Tours of the Navy Yard (on the half-hour, 11 am to 1 pm)
- Music, children's activities, and horticultural demonstrations
- A marketplace with an array of plants, garden accessories, and PHS merchandise
- A **live auction** at 1:30, featuring specimen plants and props from past Flower Show exhibits (credit cards accepted)
- NEW! The Young Friends of PHS will collect horticultural plastics (HDPE pots, PS inserts, PP trays, etc.) throughout the day for recycling. CLEAN and DRY horticultural plastics may be dropped off at the designated Young Friends Recycling area.

The day will also feature exciting **lectures and demonstrations** on horticultural topics beginning at 10 am and continuing until 3 pm, and local plant societies will be on hand.

In the Membership Tent, members who renew (regardless of expiration date) and members' guests who join PHS that day will receive **free daffodil bulbs.**

Members can visit the **Plant Dividend tent** to select free plants (one for associate members and three for Household and Leadership members). **Valid PHS membership cards are required to enter the Dividend tent, so please bring your card or visit the Membership tent for a temporary card.** Dividend plants are grown and donated by other members, commercial growers, and expert propagators. Selections include perennials, shrubs, houseplants, and trees that will beautify your indoor and outdoor garden for many years to come.

Be sure to stop at the **Gold Medal** tent, where you can purchase exceptional plants that have been recognized with the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers will answer your questions.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase from Catering by Mario.

Ample **free parking** is available. For more information, detailed directions, and a list of lectures and demonstrations, please visit the PHS website at *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org.*

Members' Day Directions

The Navy Yard is located at the **south end of Broad Street** and is easily accessible from I-95 (Exit 17, Broad Street). Enter through the main gate; Members' Day is held on the Parade Ground (watch for signs). For detailed driving directions, please visit the PHS website.

SEPTA users, take the **# 17 bus** (marked Navy Yard). On Saturdays, #17 buses leave from Center City (Front & Market, 6th & Market, 15th & JFK, 19th & Walnut) approximately every 10 minutes. Please check with SEPTA for more information (215-580-7800 or visit *septa.org*).

Shops in the Members' Day Marketplace

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Beekman's C.O.P.A. Soaps
Bohemian Crafts Company
Brushwood Nursery
Marcasite & More
Meadowbrook Farm
PHS Flower Show Shoppe
Pottery Crafted by Elayne Toizer
Julia E. Sokol Studio
Waldor Orchids
(list complete at time of printing)

Volunteer at Members' Day!

If you would like to volunteer at this fun event, please contact Alexis Carnuccio at 215-988-1622 or *acarnuccio@pennhort.org.* Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and tear-down, as well as a variety of activities.

Philadelphia Flower Show Receives New Title

A passion for plants and for new discoveries, as well as a keen desire to "show off," fueled the first flower show in Philadelphia in 1829. Since that time, the Flower Show has grown dramatically in size and stature. Today, the Philadelphia Flower Show is the nation's largest and most impressive event of its kind, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors and exhibitors from around the world.

Beginning in 2010, the event's name will change to the **Philadelphia International Flower Show** to reflect its world-renowned status. All the wonder and majesty we have come to enjoy, from the major garden displays and extraordinary plant entries to the artistic floral designs, will remain. Additionally, with the world as its backyard, PHS will continue to broaden the purview of the Show by attracting talented exhibitors from near and far, as well as visitors and partners from around the world.

An appropriate kick-off to this new vision will take place in 2010, when **Passport to the World**, next year's Show theme, will take its inspiration from many countries and include exotic plants and cut flowers displayed within an international array of scenic gardens.

Here at home, the Flower Show will retain its important position, providing significant economic benefits to Philadelphia and contributing mightily to the quality of life throughout this region.

We invite you, our valued PHS members, to join us in celebrating this new vision for the Flower Show, one that will help ensure the Show's stature and relevance long into the future.

Support PHS by Searching the Web

All about *GoodSearch* and *GoodShop*

Everyone can help raise money for PHS by searching the Internet with **GoodSearch.com** (powered by Yahoo) or shopping online with **GoodShop.com**. GoodSearch is a search engine that donates 50 percent of its revenue to charities and schools designated by users. In addition, online purchases made via the GoodShop mall result in a donation to the user's designated charity, averaging approximately three percent of the sale, and in some cases up to 20 percent or more.

To get started, go to the GoodSearch homepage and choose "The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society" in the box that asks, "Who do you GoodSearch for?" Then search the Internet like you normally would to start raising funds for PHS. For more information, go to *goodsearch.com/about.aspx.*

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Pepperpot: On the Road with PHS

When I left Philadelphia in early June with 20 PHS members, it was warm and sticky. I was looking forward to the cooler temperatures of Scotland, and I was not disappointed. Landing in Edinburgh several hours later, the pilot warned us to put on a couple of extra layers of clothing because the early-morning temperature was barely above freezing.

For 10 days we visited beautiful garden after beautiful garden, starting in the Borders, a rich, fertile area south of Edinburgh that runs along the River Tweed, the boundary between Scotland and England. Each garden was distinct, but many shared a feature common in Scottish gardens: a high stone wall that protects plants from the buffeting winds off the North Sea.

Near the tiny Borders fishing village of Eyemouth, we found an ambitious elliptical wall built in the eighteenth century and lovingly maintained by Simon Furness, a retired British Army officer whose life centers on his passion for his garden. Two days later, we visited a splendid four-acre walled garden, where there were nectarines and figs growing in one greenhouse and tomatoes and peppers in the next. Outside the greenhouses were rows of strawberries, raspberries, and broad beans flanked by ample beds of lettuce, spinach, and broccoli. Later that afternoon, we shared tea and shortbread with the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland in their delightful conservatory with a spectacular view down the River Tweed, renowned for its salmon fishing.

After five days in the Borders, we headed west across a rugged landscape dotted with black-faced sheep to Dumfries, where a milder climate allows gardeners to grow palms, New Zealand flax, and exotic shrubs like Chilean fire bush (*Embothrium coccineum*) and Chile lantern tree (*Crinodendrum hookerianum*), whose waxy, red, lantern-shaped flowers remind me of Christmas.

A trip to Scottish gardens would not be complete without the opportunity to see traditional long herbaceous borders filled with delphiniums, peonies, iris, and gorgeous poppies, as well as wonderful old trees, such as the 120-year-old firs planted from seed, which probably ended up in that garden because of the owner's friendship with plant explorer David Douglas (as in Douglas fir). That staple of Scottish gardens, the blue poppy, or *meconopsis*, was in full bloom in many gardens, but all we could do was admire. This beautiful plant grows well in Maine but sulks in the hot, humid summers of Pennsylvania.

Garden water features are always favorites for me, and over a period of two days I was mesmerized by the still, sculptured lakes in Charles Jencks's Garden of Cosmic Speculation at Portrack House near Dumfries, and by the rushing streams bordered by tall, large-leaf rhododendrons and azaleas at Corsock House. The water in this area has traveled miles through peat, so as Corsock's owner Jane Ingalls told us, when you take a bath the water in the tub is mahogany brown. In the garden, the dark water creates extraordinarily beautiful reflections.

Next April, I'll have another opportunity to visit the British Isles on a PHS trip for members and guests. Our tour leaders, Colin and Ann Senior, will take a small group to gardens in Devon and Cornwall. Our route will include mostly private gardens, both grand and small, where we should catch the best of the early blooms, with magnolias, azaleas, rhododendrons, and early perennials in full flower.

See page 5 for details, and please consider joining us!

Jane Pepper

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Fall Open House on September 26

Get ready for the **Fall Open House** at Meadowbrook Farm, scheduled for Saturday, September 26. Beginning at 10 am, the day will include self-guided tours around the estate, tasty refreshments, and an activity for little ones. As always, Meadowbrook's gift shop will offer a wide selection of home and garden accessories, and the sales yard will be stocked with plants for your fall garden.

If you're looking for a new gardening project, why not try a late-summer container? The key to assembling a dynamic, attractive container is to experiment with a diverse range of plants, including those with unusual textures and varying leaf colors.

"Containers should be designed around plant textures rather than flower color," says Bernard Pettit, container designer at Meadowbrook Farm. "Flowering plants can and should be used to accent the composition, but should not dominate it. And, as always, use plants that require the same or similar growing conditions."

If you'd like help getting started, Meadowbrook Farm offers **custom container plantings** using your favorite plants and colors. You can either bring in your own container or purchase one at the Meadowbrook gift shop. Pot it yourself onsite or have the helpful staff pot it for you for an additional charge. Make arrangements (including pick-up time or delivery options) by calling Meadowbrook Farm.

See you at the Open House!

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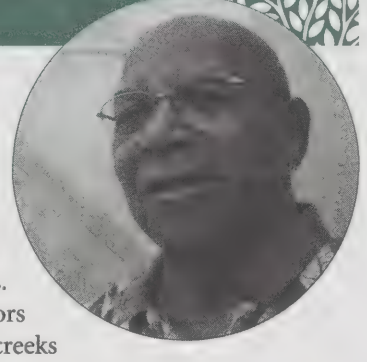
In the Spotlight

Fred Lewis



At 81, Fred Lewis keeps a schedule that would wear out the average teenager. A resident of Philadelphia's Germantown neighborhood, he's a tireless activist working to make his hometown a little bit greener.

Fred's introduction to PHS came through the Parks Revitalization Project, a partnership between PHS, community groups, and the city that was launched in 1993. Germantown's Vernon Park was one of three original parks in the network (there are now 100). Fred serves on the Steering Committee for the Parks Project and is a long-time member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board. He is finishing his term on PHS Council after three years and volunteers as a City Gardens Contest judge.

"I was attracted to PHS because I was impressed with the staff," says Fred, who spent his career as a management consultant. "They are all hard workers who don't mind getting their hands dirty, and they really care about the community."

But PHS is just a small slice of Fred's busy life. He is a member of the Friends of Vernon Park and vice president of the Friends of Cliveden Park in East Mount Airy. He is a member and former board member of Center in the Park, a community center for older adults located in Vernon Park, and serves as the volunteer coordinator for the Center's Senior Environmental Corps. This group monitors water quality in the creeks of Fairmount Park; works with schoolchildren to teach them about the environment; and has recently begun helping the Cobbs Creek Environmental Education Center, in West Philadelphia, to organize its own group of senior volunteers.

Clean water is a big priority for Fred. He is involved with the Philadelphia Water Department's Citizen Action Council, the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership, and the Wissahickon Watershed Partnership.

Fred is also an advisor to the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program of the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging. He enjoys gardening, too, but the fact that he doesn't find much time for it these days doesn't seem to bother him: "I'm very happy with the way my retirement has worked out. I'm able to satisfy my own interests and do some positive things for my community. It's a good legacy to leave for the younger generation."

PHS City Harvest Project Expands

During tough economic times, those at the lower end of the income scale often suffer the most, including many in the Philadelphia area.

To help meet this growing need, the PHS City Harvest project has expanded its capacity in the past year. Launched in 2006 with a funding grant from The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation, City Harvest is a unique partnership that makes organic produce available to those who lack easy access to fresh food.

Through City Harvest, inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System start vegetable seedlings in a greenhouse near its Alternative and Special Detention Unit in Northeast Philadelphia. The seedlings are then grown to maturity at community gardens in Philadelphia, as well as at the Prison's own garden. SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange) facilitates distribution of the produce to area food cupboards, and the Health Promotion Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania offers nutrition information to food cupboard clients.

"The food cupboards have seen a significant increase in demand during these difficult economic times," notes Steveanna Wynn, executive director of SHARE. "In the first three quarters of fiscal year 2008-09, we provided food to nearly 50 percent more people than in all of 2007."

A new partner has recently helped expand the number of seedlings City Harvest can grow. Weavers Way Co-op, a well-established food cooperative, is helping to care for thousands of seedlings at its organic farm in Northwest Philadelphia. In exchange for a "hoop house" (a temporary greenhouse made of piping and fabric), Weavers Way farmers water City Harvest seedlings, which occupy half the structure.

"This has enabled us to go from growing 25,000 seedlings in 2008 to 40,000 in 2009," says Claire Baker, program manager for City Harvest. "Also, we've worked with the gardeners to extend the growing season by growing more cool-weather crops that can be harvested as early as March and as late as October or November."

In the past year, the project has grown to include 44 community gardens throughout Philadelphia (up from 21 original gardens) and donates food to 33 food cupboards in the city. Nutrition educators from the Health Promotion Council are offering 75 workshops this year to help recipients make the best use of the wide variety of City Harvest vegetables.

In addition to providing fresh produce and nutrition education in underserved communities, City Harvest also engages young people by supporting youth organizations that teach job readiness, entrepreneurial skills, and healthy eating. Teens4Good and the Urban Nutrition Initiative work with teenagers to grow hundreds of pounds of vegetables, a percentage of which is donated to food cupboards in their neighborhoods through City Harvest. The remainder is sold to local restaurants and at farmers markets to help fund their programs.

THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS

City Harvest is generously funded through a founding grant from The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation, with additional support from the Forrest & Frances Lattner Foundation, the Philadelphia Prison System, the Lawrence Saunders Fund, Citizens Bank of America, and Whole Foods Markets. Grateful thanks for in-kind contributions from Gro'n Sell and EP Henry.

A hoop house at Weavers Way Farm has allowed PHS to increase seedling production for City Harvest.

Trees Bring Town and Gown Together

PHS has launched a new project called "University Green," which brings colleges and universities and their surrounding communities together to plant and care for trees. PHS will help develop tree-care partnerships between the participating institutions and their neighborhoods to plant, study, and care for community trees along streets and in parks and public spaces.

"It's a win-win situation," says Patricia Schrieber, associate director of education at PHS. "The communities get the physical and environmental benefits that trees bring, and the universities get support for their educational goals, such as natural resource stewardship, service-learning, faculty involvement, student volunteerism, and applied research. Both will benefit from the closer ties that we hope will result from this program. It's also a terrific way for PHS to reach out to young people and involve them in our mission of strengthening communities through horticulture."

Each partnership will be based on local community needs, and each institution will provide an in-kind contribution as a match for the grant—most likely in the form of staff time for the project.

Five area educational institutions are working with PHS on this program: LaSalle University, Philadelphia University, Esperanza College, Widener University, and Cabrini College. Each will recruit staff, students, and community residents to attend Tree Tenders courses (the PHS tree-care training program). "Although some of these communities already have active Tree Tenders groups, we think the additional support of a neighboring university can lift up this work to a new and more sustainable level," says Tree Tenders manager Mindy Maslin.

"Each of the educational institutions participating in University Green is committed to improving the quality of life within the community that surrounds its campus," adds Schrieber. "We believe the University Green model of tree planting and care through partnerships is an effective strategy to help strengthen and improve town/gown relationships, while improving the 'urban forest' for everyone."

University Green is funded by the US Forest Service, and PHS runs the project in partnership with UC Green, a nonprofit organization that operates in West and Southwest Philadelphia and was founded with support from the University of Pennsylvania. Other partners are Penn State University School of Forest Resources and the University of Pennsylvania Netter Center for Community Partnerships.

Students from Cabrini College helped plant trees in Norristown this spring.

Spice up Your Summer

Free Events in Neighborhood Parks

Soak up the sun—and the fun—at neighborhood parks across the city this summer. Park volunteer groups, PHS, and the Philadelphia Department of Recreation present the **Summer in the Neighborhood** series, sponsored by PNC, featuring dozens of free events, from concerts of all musical genres to movie nights, farmers markets, art shows, gardening workshops, and more.

For more information and a list of events, please visit *philadelphiagreen.wordpress.com* or contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1611.

This spring, more than 500 native perennials and grasses were planted on the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters. This was in addition to the 43,000 square feet of sedum mats installed in December 2008. PHS will oversee maintenance of the PECO green roof, which captures and filters rainwater. Want to take a tour? See page 7.

Growing the Future of PHS

On May 30, more than 130 members of the 1827 Society gathered at the Devon home of Lloyd and Thacher Brown for a garden party. This annual event is just one of the many benefits 1827 Society members enjoy. Pictured here (left to right) are 1827 Society members Jood Thompson, Cindy Affleck, and Ann Marshall.

Solomon Challenge

PHS is delighted to announce that, thanks to the generous support of Paula and Mark Solomon and the enthusiasm of our current **1827 Society** members, 100 people have joined or upgraded within the 1827 Society, raising an additional $74,585 for PHS! We look forward to welcoming the Solomon Challenge participants at 1827 Society events over the course of the coming year.

PHS Annual Fund

PHS is thrilled to announce that we met the **Independence Foundation Challenge** for the 2008–2009 Annual Fund campaign by raising more than $20,000 in new and increased gifts. Grateful thanks to 2009 Annual Fund donors, who made gifts above and beyond their membership dues to help support PHS programs and services. PHS friends make our work possible, and support through the Annual Fund is greatly appreciated.

PHS has been awarded a renewed challenge grant for 2009–2010. If you would like to make a 100 percent tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund and help us meet this year's challenge, please visit our secure website and click on "Support PHS" or contact the Development office at 215-988-8805 or *cmandl@pennhort.org*.

As **United Way** campaigns roll out across the region this fall, we also hope that you will consider directing your United Way contribution to PHS. Simply note **Donor Option ID #06197** on your pledge card. Many thanks!

Legacy Landscapes Campaign Honors Jane Pepper's Legacy

As you may have read in the last issue of *PHS News*, Jane Pepper has announced she will retire in Spring 2010 after nearly three decades as PHS president.

In honor of her tenure, PHS recently launched the *Legacy Landscapes* campaign with a goal of raising $12.1 million in endowment funds dedicated to maintenance of the city's most treasured civic and neighborhood landscapes. PHS is committed to reaching this goal by next spring, at the time of Pepper's retirement.

"The *Legacy Landscapes* campaign offers an unprecedented opportunity to preserve the wonderful landscapes we have helped revitalize over the past 30 years," Jane says.

The campaign has made great strides, thanks to a $2 million challenge grant from Marguerite and H. F. "Gerry" Lenfest, which matches major gifts up to $500,000, and a $200,000 challenge grant from the McLean Contributionship, which matches gifts and pledges between $2,500 and $25,000.

"As we head into the final stretch of our fundraising efforts, we hope many individuals will consider honoring Jane's legacy with a gift to the *Legacy Landscapes* campaign," says Melissa De Ruiter, senior director of Development. "We need the participation of as many supporters as possible if we are to reach our goal, and every gift is welcome."

For information on ways to participate, including supporting the campaign through a planned gift, please visit the PHS website and click on "*Legacy Landscapes*" or contact the Development office at 215-988-8805.

As of June 2, 2009, Legacy Landscapes has raised:

Total Gifts and Pledges:	$7,659,444
Total Deferred Gifts:	$ 41,436

PHS is sincerely grateful to all *Legacy Landscapes* contributors. Recent commitments have been made by Jean G. Bodine, Jim and Jacki Delaney, and two anonymous donors.

The plantings at Logan Square, which will be maintained through *the Legacy Landscapes* endowment

2009 PHS Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 10

Please join us for the PHS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 5 pm at PHS headquarters (100 N. 20th Street Philadelphia). We will elect new members of Council, present the 2009 PHS Annual Awards, and take up other Council business.

The Council has approved the nomination of the following members for re-election to second three-year terms, starting on November 10, 2009: **Sandra M. Alton**, **Alan P. Slack**, and **Stephan White**.

In addition, the Nominating Committee will place in nomination for election to three-year terms, beginning on November 10, 2009, the following persons:

Aaron Belitsky is the director of internal audit at the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust. He serves on PHS's Audit Committee.

J. Earl Coffman is director of engineering for PECO Energy's electrical delivery system. J. is a member of the PHS Green City Strategy Committee.

Edward M. D'Alba is president and CEO of Urban Engineers, Inc., a Philadelphia-based firm of consulting engineers, planners, and construction managers. Ed serves on PHS's Flower Show Executive and Preview Reception & Dinner committees.

Robert C. Fell is an assurance partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Philadelphia, specializing in the health and nonprofit sectors. Bob serves on the PHS Audit Committee.

Nicholas J. Kovich operates Kovich Capital Management in West Conshohocken. Nick serves on PHS's Finance and Investment committees.

Barbara E. Meyers has served in numerous volunteer capacities with the Episcopal Academy Parents Association and Philadelphia Antiques Show. She chaired the 2009 Preview Reception & Dinner and serves on the Preview Reception & Dinner and Flower Show Executive committees.

Melinda Moritz is vice president of Target Communications, Inc. and owner of Melinda Moritz Design. Melinda chairs the Flower Show Executive and Education Services committees and serves on the Executive, Membership and Search committees.

Paula Solomon received her landscape architecture degree from Temple University Ambler College. Paula and her husband, Mark, introduced the Solomon Challenge, which has drawn many new members to the PHS 1827 Society this year. She serves on the PHS Search Committee.

John J. Soroko is chairman and CEO of the Duane Morris law firm. He has been instrumental in securing foundation support for PHS initiatives and is a member of the Green City Strategy Committee.

Proxy Form

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Annual Meeting of Members
November 10, 2009

The undersigned hereby appoints John K. Ball, Morris Cheston, Jr., and Jane G. Pepper, each of them the true and lawful attorneys of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, to be held at 5 pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members, all adult members of household should sign.
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign:

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Please return no later than October 23, 2009
Mail to:
PHS, Attn: Betsie Blodgett,
100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Fax to: 215-988-8810

Please return your signed proxy, we need your vote!

Travel with Us

Visit the Gardens of Devon and Cornwall with Jane Pepper
April 18 – 28, 2010

Join Jane Pepper to visit some of the magical gardens on England's western peninsula. We will start the tour in Cornwall, where the acid soil combines with the steep terrain to produce some amazing vistas of rhododendrons, azaleas, and magnolias in the great gardens at Caerhays and Trewithen. We will also visit seaside gardens and travel by helicopter to see the iconic Abbey Gardens on the isle of Tresco.

We will finish the trip in Devonshire, a large county rich in gardens, from the maritime to the wild gardens on the edge of Dartmoor. The tour is being arranged by Ann & Colin Senior of Heritage Garden Tours in the United Kingdom.

For more information, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

Photo courtesy of Ron Reynolds

Abbey Gardens

Enter the Philadelphia Flower Show!

"Passport to the World," February 28 – March 7, 2010

Thinking about entering the **Horticulture Classes** in the upcoming Philadelphia Flower Show? Try your hand at growing **bulb selections** or **challenge plants**, now confirmed for the 2010 Show. Look for a complete listing of all competitive classes in the 2010 Philadelphia Flower Show ***Exhibitor's Guide***. The *Exhibitor's Guide*, entry forms, and new handbooks for Horticulture and Artistic class exhibitors can be downloaded from the Flower Show website beginning in September at *theflowershow.com/attractions/exguide.html.*

Horticulture judging days:
Saturday, February 27
Tuesday, March 2
Friday, March 5

On June 17 Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard (at podium) announced the launch of his new foundation to improve the lives of disadvantaged families. His first project is the revitalization of Hunting Park in North Philadelphia, where Philadelphia Green is working with the community to create a new park master plan. The Ryan Howard Family Foundation will donate $50,000 to the Fairmount Park Conservancy to support efforts to revive the park.

Scandinavian Modern!

Floral Design Events with Kristin Voreland
October 28, 29, & 30

PHS presents Scandinavian Modern: Contemporary Floral Design at Home, a series of floral design events this fall with acclaimed Norwegian arranger Kristin Voreland. Ms. Voreland has lectured around the world and won the prestigious Europa Cup in 1986. Her work is in great demand, and every year she has the honor of decorating the Norwegian Royal Summer House. This is her first trip to the United States.

Ms. Voreland's design approach is attuned to world concerns about sustainability. She advocates enhancing selected flowers with natural elements from our gardens.

On Wednesday, October 28, Kristin will give a demonstration for all skill levels (with an optional buffet lunch), followed by hands-on workshops on Thursday, October 29 and an all-day master class for more advanced arrangers on Friday, October 30.

For more information, visit the PHS website and click on "Calendar," email *programreg@pennhort.org*, or call *215-988-8869*. All the events will take place at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, and free parking is provided.

Become a Tree Tender!

The PHS **Tree Tenders** project, in partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, offers nine hours of hands-on tree care training for Pennsylvania residents. The free training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community. Fall training dates are as follows:

Bucks County
Tuesdays, September 8, 15, & 22
Benner Hall
1260 Cherry Street
Richlandtown, PA 18955

Delaware County
Wednesdays, September 23, 30 & October 7
Widener University,
Webb Room University Center
One University Place
Chester, PA 19013

Philadelphia, October 7, 14, & 21
PHS
100 N. 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

To register or for more information, please contact:
For Philadelphia:
Mindy Maslin
215-988-8844
mmaslin@pennhort.org

For Bucks & Chester counties:
Barley Van Clief
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bvanclief@pennhort.org

PHS on the Web

Visit the recently revamped PHS website. The new look allows you to quickly find the information you seek. While you're there, sign up for the PHS **mailing list** to receive email updates about the programs that interest you.

You can also stay connected to PHS by visiting our two new blogs. The first, **Philadelphia Green News**, offers event information, project updates, and helpful hints for making your world a little greener. **The Philadelphia International Flower Show Blog** provides exhibitor interviews and sneak peeks of what's ahead in 2010.

Other new features include a PHS page on **YouTube** and a quickly-growing **Facebook** following. Check out the PHS website, listed below, to get started.

Education Programs

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Dancing Shrubs—Creating Garden Topiary
Thursday, September 17, 10 am – 12 noon

Perhaps you enjoy fanciful topiary, or nothing pleases you more than formal hedges and tightly clipped trees. Or maybe you just really love pruning. Whatever your interest, come explore the history, art, and science of creating topiaries, standards, and hedges with Meadowbrook Farm's estate gardener, **Tom Reber**. He will take you on a tour of Meadowbrook gardens and then present a history of topiary in the classroom. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Walk: The Mixed Summer Border
Wednesday, August 5,
6 – 8 pm

If you've ever wondered how to achieve that "wow" factor in your own garden, take this opportunity to study lush mixed borders on this walk through the summer garden at Chanticleer. **Jonathan Wright** will highlight a few specific borders and deconstruct each planting. He'll discuss the elements that make up a successful mixed border, highlighting perennials, annuals, bulbs and woody plants as well as offer tips for successful succession planting and four-season interest. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Ornamental Grasses
Wednesday, August 12, 6 – 8 pm

Ornamental grasses are easy to care for, graceful and elegant yet tough, and drought and deer resistant. There are so many to choose from in heights and colors for every garden. **Robert Herald** will show you how these simple plants can become exclamation points in your garden. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Flower Arranging from the Garden
Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Why spend money buying flowers when you can create something of beauty from what's growing right outside in your garden? Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** on an inspiring walk through Chanticleer and its Cut-Flower Garden. Afterwards, Jonathan will demonstrate and discuss techniques for creating arrangements while putting together several creations before your eyes. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Late-Summer Highlights in the Shade
Thursday, September 17, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will guide us through the enchanting grounds of Chanticleer and will highlight the splendid shade-loving plants you can enjoy in your garden all summer. Many of these plants come into their full glory in the cooler nights and shorter days of autumn. You'll take ideas home in time for fall planting! **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Autumn Season Walk
Wednesday, September 23, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

September brings welcome cooler nights and renewed garden vigor. Many plants are at their peak, such as fall-blooming perennials like asters and ornamental grasses, and fall-blooming bulbs such as colchicum. Of course, many vegetables are ready for harvest at this time of year as well. **Lisa Roper** will be our guide. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE
Philadelphia, PA

Evening Lecture: Lawrence Johnston's Hidcote: A Paradise Enclosed, by Ethne Clark and Glyn Jones
Union League of Philadelphia
140 South Broad Street
Monday, September 28, 6:30 pm

Hidcote Manor Garden is one of England's greatest landscape masterpieces—a jewel of early twentieth-century garden design. Yet Hidcote, in the verdant Cotswolds region, was created by an American expatriate, Major Lawrence Johnston.

In 1907 Johnston began work on a 10-acre garden in the newly fashionable Arts & Crafts style: a series of distinct outdoor "rooms" shaped by yew, box, holly, hornbeam, and beech hedges; dotted with topiary; and lavishly planted with perennials, roses, flowering shrubs, bulbs, and annuals. In time, the design was augmented by rare and specimen plants from Johnston's own burgeoning collection. All told, Johnston spent 41 years creating what was to become one of the Western world's most influential gardens, establishing the English country garden design style. This fact was formally recognized when in 1948 Hidcote became the first garden to be taken on by the National Trust.

More than 100 years after its creation, Hidcote has undergone a major facelift and a conservation program by the National Trust, ensuring its survival for the future. This lecture celebrates the continuing influence of Hidcote Manor Garden and reveals the historic impact made by an extraordinary American.

Ethne Clarke is the author of more than 15 books on landscape history and gardens, including *Hidcote: The Making of a Garden,* originally released in 1989 and reissued by W. W. Norton in 2009. She is editor-in-chief of *Organic Gardening*, published by Rodale.

Glyn Jones is head gardener at Hidcote Manor Garden, where he supervises a team of 10 full-time gardeners and students, supported by an "army" of volunteers.

The lecture will be preceded by a cash-bar reception at 6 pm and followed by an optional dinner. Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by Friday, September 25. Co-sponsored by the Union League of Philadelphia. **Fee: lecture only—$25 PHS members and Union League members, $30 non-members. Lecture and dinner—$60 members and guests. Registration required through the Royal Oak Foundation** (*royal-oak.org/lectures*) or by calling Robert Dennis at 212-480-2889, ext. 201.

PROGRAMS AT PHS

Class: Treasures of the McLean Library
Four Wednesdays: September 16, 23, 30 & October 14, 6 – 7:30 pm

Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler and **Janet Evans** will conduct a short course on art in botany and horticulture. Dr. Schuyler will discuss the legacy of Dioscorides's ancient *Materia Medica* and its impact on naturalistic botanical art in sixteenth-century herbals. This will be followed by a consideration of seventeenth-century florilegia (excerpts from various writings) with the earliest engravings of garden plants. Dr. Schuyler will proceed to the eighteenth century with the art of Georg Ehret and discuss nineteenth-century artist Pierre Redouté. In the last class, Janet Evans will discuss horticultural art with a particular emphasis on seed and nursery catalogs from the late nineteenth century, the "golden age" of trade catalogs.

Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler is curator emeritus of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Janet Evans is manager of the McLean Library.

Rare books, prints, and catalogs from the McLean Library will be displayed during each class. **Limit: 20. Fee: $40 members, $50 non-members.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost

Total Fee: $

Name:_____ Member ID#_____

Guest(s):_____
(If a guest will be accompanying you, please provide name.)

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: (day)_____ (evening)_____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number:_____ Expiration: _____

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Engraving of sunflower from Basilius Besler's *Hortus Eystettensis*, 1613, from the McLean Library collection.

2010 PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Brown-Bag Lunch: Burma—A Photographic Journey through the Lost Golden Land

Wednesday, October 7, 12 noon
PHS Auditorum

In concert with the 2010 Flower Show theme "Passport to the World," PHS presents the first in a series of Brown-Bag Lunch programs featuring journeys to exotic lands.

Penny Hansen's interest in photography has grown over the past five years, but a visit to India in 2007 turned her hobby into a passion. She revisited India later that year to participate in an intensive photographic workshop with a renowned *National Geographic* photographer. Since then Penny has been expanding her creative skills and pursuing her goal of documenting the human condition wherever she finds it. She recently returned from a month-long photographic expedition to Myanmar (Burma), where she travelled extensively to remote areas accompanied by a fellow photographer.

Originally from a small village in Oxfordshire, England, Penny has lived in the Philadelphia area for almost 30 years. She serves on the PHS Council and Development Committee.

Bring a lunch; snacks and drinks will be provided. Fee: $5.

Evening Lecture: Of Big Apples, Green Countrie Townes, and Landscape

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

There are two historical centers of thought about the American landscape, Philadelphia and New York. Their parks and gardens, paintings and poetry are some of the principal achievements of American culture. And yet the landscape art of the two cities could not be more different, reflecting fundamentally different attitudes toward nature, science, and society. This talk explores these attitudes and their historical roots and suggests how they came to stamp indelibly the characteristic landscape art of each city.

Michael J. Lewis teaches American art at Williams College, where he is Faison-Pierson-Stoddard Professor of Art. He writes widely on architecture and culture, and his essays have appeared in such publications as *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Atlantic Monthly*. His books include *Frank Furness: Architecture and the Violent Mind* (2001) and the prize-winning *Politics of the German Gothic Revival* (1993).

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening, and the lecture will be followed by light refreshments and wine. This event is co-sponsored by the Wagner Free Institute of Science. **Fee: $10 PHS and Wagner Institute members, $20 non-members.**

Workshop: Botanical Illustration with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays, October 13 – December 8, (no class November 10), 10 am – 1 pm
PHS Classroom and Auditorium

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor and have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you! Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, creating form and dimensionality, and a discussion of watercolor brushes and paper. We will work from live specimens, beginning with the simpler forms of fruits and vegetables. It is necessary to attend the first session of this popular eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members. Limit: 15.**

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome!

CONFERENCE

2009 Perennial Plant Conference

Friday, October 16
Lang Performing Arts Center Swarthmore College

Learn about promising new plant introductions and enjoy lectures on a variety of gardening topics, including flowering bulbs for all seasons, designing for "curb appeal" with native plants, ornamental grasses, and more. There will also be an afternoon study tour of the green roofs of Swarthmore College.

Speakers include **Tomasz Anisko**, curator of plants at Longwood Gardens, in Kennett Square, PA; **Dave Demers**, owner of CYAN Horticulture, a landscape design and consultation firm, as well as a photographer, garden writer, and lecturer; **Bill McLaughlin**, curator of Living Collections at the US Botanic Garden, in Washington, DC; **Doug Tallamy**, professor and chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware; **Jimmy Turner**, senior director of gardens at the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden; and Dutch garden designer and writer **Jacqueline van der Kloet.**

For more information and to register, please visit *perennialplantconference.org* or contact the Continuing Education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507. Register early!

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA SERIES

1700 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia

Festive Fall Containers

Monday September 21, 6:30 – 8 pm

Please contact the Community College at 215-751-8381 for more information. **Fee: $25.**

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS

Monthly, Third Wednesday through October, 5 – 6 pm
PECO headquarters
2301 Market St., Philadelphia

Want to learn about exciting "green roof technology? Join PHS for a tour of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters on the third Wednesday of each month through October: August 19, September 16, and October 21. **Limit 25. Fee: $5 members, $10 non-members.**

CITY GARDENING SERIES

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with Chanticleer … A Pleasure Garden, in Wayne, PA and friends groups of the Free Library of Philadelphia. These events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org, *or contact Marilyn Reynolds at* citygardening@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8872.*

Native Plants in the Landscape

Saturday, August 22, 10 – 11 am
Awbury Recreation Center
6101 Ardleigh Street

Planting to Attract Wildlife to the Garden

Saturday, August 29, 10 – 11 am
Aspen Farms
4837 Aspen Street

Home Canning

Wednesday, September 2, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

Fall Tree Walk

Monday, September 28, 5 – 6 pm
Fall Tree Walk
Fairmount Park Horticulture Center
100 N. Horticulture Drive

Houseplants—Your Indoor Garden

Tuesday, September 29, 1 – 2 pm
Chester Senior Center
721 Hayes Street
Chester, PA 19013

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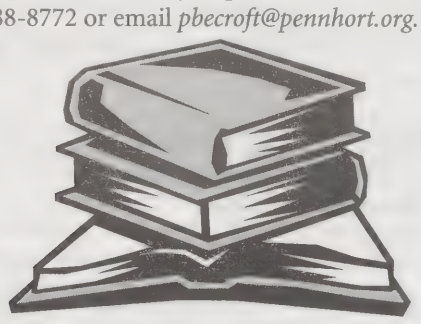
Book Sale

PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia
Wednesday, September 30, 2009
9:30 am - 5 pm

The annual PHS **McLean Library Book Sale** will be held September 30. Buy new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices. A small selection of prints will be on sale. New this year: between 4 and 5 pm, buy as many books as you can fit into a grocery bag for $1! Proceeds of this sale benefit the McLean Library.

Gardeners, this is a wonderful opportunity to recycle your used books by donating them for the sale. We are seeking books on gardens, plants, the landscape, and natural history. Drop books off at the McLean Library between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Donations will be accepted until Friday, September 11. Questions? Call 215-988-8772 or email *pbecroft@pennhort.org*.



Monthly Book and Film Groups Starting this Fall

Join "Stories from the Garden," the McLean Library's long-running book discussion group. Each month we'll read and discuss works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land. The group meets eight times a year on the first Thursday of the month (no March meeting) beginning October 1, 5:45 – 7:45 pm in the McLean Library.

Do you love to watch movies and talk about them? Join us in this film discussion series, where we'll talk about movies in which nature, gardens, or the environment play a leading role. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month (no March meeting) beginning October 20, 6 – 7:30 pm with a 4 pm screening of the film in the library.

Both groups meet in the PHS McLean Library, 100 N. 20th Street, in Philadelphia. Participation is free and open to all, but pre-registration is requested. For complete schedules, reading list, and film selections, and to register for either group, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772, or visit the PHS website, *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, and click on "Calendar."

What's in Your Attic?

The McLean Library is seeking memorabilia from past Philadelphia Flower Shows. Please call 215-988-8779 if you are interested in donating show-related memorabilia such as medals, posters, or other items.

Exhibition in McLean Library

Through September 4

Works by participants in PHS botanical illustration classes will be on display in the McLean Library through September 4. Stop by and admire them during regular library hours (Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm).

Green Scene gets Greener!

You may have noticed that the *PHS News* you're reading is now printed on recycled newsprint paper. Now, in our efforts to keep things green at PHS, we will print our *Green Scene* members' magazine on a new paper that's FSC Certified (Forest Stewardship Council), meaning it is made of wood pulp taken from sustainable sources. The paper is also certified by the Rainforest Alliance. Moreover, both periodicals are printed with soy-based ink as opposed to petroleum-based inks. In the coming months, look for more green initiatives from PHS.

It's a Snap!

Enter the 2009 "Garden Photo Contest"

Love taking pictures? If so, we want to see your best photos of flowers, gardens, houseplants, landscapes, or people enjoying the outdoors for the 2009 *Green Scene* "Garden Photo Contest." First prize is a Fujifilm 220 camera. Winning photos will be published in the January/February 2010 issue of *Green Scene* and on the PHS website.

Photos can be shot in any format, but must be submitted as 4 x 6 or 5 x 7-inch prints with your name, phone number, and email address on the back. No submissions by email or on CD will be accepted. **The deadline for entries is September 15, 2009.**

For more information and an entry form, please visit *pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org*, email *greenscene@pennhort.org*, or call 215-988-8871.

RITZ CAMERA & IMAGE

2010 Gold Medal Plants Announced

Five exceptional plants have been chosen for the 2010 PHS Gold Medal Plant Award! Look for them in the September-October issue of *Green Scene* or on the PHS website.

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Get Ready for the 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show

Passport to the World
February 28 – March 7, Pennsylvania Convention Center

The 2010 Flower Show will take visitors on an exotic journey to dozens of destinations around the globe. *Passport to the World* is a fitting theme for 2010, as the Show is presented for the first time under its new name, *Philadelphia International Flower Show.*

"Our new name raises the Flower Show up on the world stage, and it is an invitation to gardeners everywhere to join us in Philadelphia for our fabulous Show," says PHS president Jane Pepper.

An **Explorer's Garden** will be the first display to welcome guests as they enter the Show, filled with plants discovered in all corners of the globe by expeditions conducted by early adventurers from PHS, Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum, and the four-year Wilkes Expedition. Plants introduced to the public for the first time to America at early Flower Shows will also be featured in this exhibit.

A series of **Showcase Gardens** will transport visitors to six foreign ports. Up first is **India**, with a towering floral elephant in an Indian wedding scene, presented by Jamie Rothstein Distinctive Floral Design. Robertson's Flowers will portray the **Netherlands** with a floating market filled with more than 100,000 flowering bulbs. The American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) will showcase the natural wonders of **South Africa** in flowers that depict the vivid colors and patterns found in the tribal clothing and dwellings of the Zulu people.

Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors will take visitors into the Amazon jungle of **Brazil**, an otherworldly canopy of sparkling waterfalls and tropical flora featuring exotic birds of the Philadelphia Zoo. Waldor Orchids will present **Singapore**, the "Pearl of Asia," in a tribute to the orchid inspired by that nation's botanical gardens. Stoney Bank Nurseries will capture the rugged beauty of **New Zealand** in an exhibit that depicts the flora and traditions of the native Maori people.

Other exhibitors will celebrate the landscapes and plants of **China, Japan, Thailand, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany,** and the **Caribbean**. One exhibitor will provide an artful interpretation of the northern polar region's Aurora Borealis.

The Show will feature **daily performances** in the Exhibition Hall that include African singers, Bollywood dancers, and a special "Samba Saturday" on March 6. Visitors will stroll through a **World Bazaar** of decorative shops and an **International Dessert and Coffee Bar** on the Bridge Concourse. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board will present an **International Wine and Spirits Garden** with free tastings in the Show's Grand Hall.

The Show will also feature **thousands of plant and floral design entries** by local enthusiasts in the competitive categories, and visitors can enjoy more than **150 gardening presentations** held throughout the week, as well as dozens of educational displays that explore the most popular new trends for home gardeners. A bustling **Marketplace** will offer an array of take-home products to get the garden started.

For more information about the 2010 Flower Show, including details on presentations and attractions, **please visit *theflowershow.com*** or call 215-988-8899. On the website, check out the **Flower Show Blog** for behind-the-scenes happenings and insider tips.

PHS Shares Greening Expertise

As cities throughout the United States look for ways to meet financial challenges, many are turning to greening as a tool to spur revitalization and help generate economic growth. Increasingly, urban leaders are calling on PHS to share its experience in neighborhood revitalization through horticulture.

"We are excited to share the lessons and best practices of our Philadelphia Green program with other cities," says Blaine Bonham, executive vice president of PHS. "Urban greening is more important than ever. It has a dramatic impact on the environment, the economy, and the social fabric of communities."

PHS representatives travelled to Shreveport, Louisiana, in August to speak at the Keep Louisiana Beautiful state conference. Also in August, Blaine Bonham, along with PHS vice president Maitrei Roy and Philadelphia Green senior director Joan Reilly, facilitated a discussion at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Virginia, on how to extend the reach and impact of the Botanical Garden beyond the walls of the facility by launching a community greening program.

"We talked about roles the Garden could play, the resources required, and the specific projects they could undertake with community and government partners," says Bonham.

PHS staff also recently went to Buffalo, New York, to discuss vacant land management, and to Kansas City, Missouri, to share information on community greening programs.

The City of Cleveland and its nonprofit partners sent representatives to PHS headquarters in August to learn about how Philadelphia Green stabilized more than seven million square feet of derelict land on vacant lots throughout the city. A story on Reuters, the international news wire, re-

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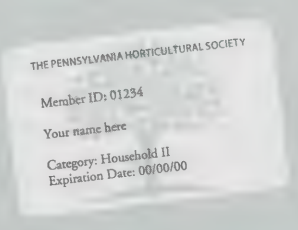
Fall Shopping Events for PHS Members

Present your current PHS membership card to take advantage of special discounts! See page 5 for details.



PHS in the News

To catch up on recent media coverage of PHS events and programs, visit *PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org/news.html.*

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org

Pepperpot: Dog Days

I have never been more grateful for my garden than I am this year. In August, when the airwaves were full of the healthcare debate and our conversations at PHS centered around the potential fallout of city and state budget challenges, it was such a relief to switch gears when I arrived home.

Most evenings, my pleasant challenge was to keep up with the flood of green beans from my small vegetable garden. This year, I grew four varieties, listed here in order of preference: Masai, Jade, Provider, and Blue Lake. Masai has lots of four-inch-long beans that are very tender, provided you don't let them remain unpicked when they turn soft.

After the beans, the next big crop was eggplant, which I grow in pots on the deck. My choice among the many eggplant cultivars is Ichiban because it's very handsome and productive. The plants are more than five feet tall by the end of the season, and with their deep green leaves, purple stems, lavender-colored flowers, and glossy, long purple fruit, the whole package is more appealing to me than any display of flowering plants. This year I decided to log each eggplant I pick so I can have a good count to report to you later in the year. If you are tempted to grow Ichiban, know that they do best in full sun, and if you grow them in the garden, you must rotate the crops to avoid having the plants succumb to wilt diseases before the harvest starts. By growing them in the pots, you avoid this problem provided you replace the soil each spring.

Previously in this column I have characterized my gardening challenges as the "three Ds:" drought (definitely not a problem this year); dogs (more on that later); and deer. The latter started gently working over the hosta plantings near the front door earlier than usual this year, so I sprayed with Deer Stopper and am happy to say that as of late August those hostas have done well. I didn't spray the other hostas near the deck because, to my knowledge, deer had never been up so close to the house. How wrong I was; since early July I have had splendid hosta stalks without any leaves. If the hostas on the other side of the house in other years are anything to go by, these stalks will die down this fall and the plants will produce new leaves next spring. The beauty of Deer Stopper, unlike most other deer repellents, is that it smells pleasant, like eucalyptus.

And finally, an update on the other D—the poodles, Angus and Paris. The former is a strong contender (with your dogs I am sure) for the best dog in Pennsylvania. Paris, on the other hand, continues her dastardly deeds of digging up most of the new plants I install and creating enormous holes on the edge of the property. If anyone has suggestions for deterring digging dogs, please let me know.

Dogs, drought, and deer aside, gardening never fails to give me joy, and to be able to spread the joy of gardening is one of the pleasures of writing Pepperpot. I hope your gardening year has been equally fulfilling.

Anne Pepper

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Making the Most of your Winter Garden

Winter is truly wonderful when it comes to certain plants. Meadowbrook Farm offers a variety of species that can add interest to your garden during the chilliest time of year.

Take, for instance, Winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*). True to its name, this hardy plant produces bright red or salmon berries that add vibrant color to the winter landscape. Jessica Story, general manager at Meadowbrook Farm, says winterberry appreciates consistent moisture, even tolerating wet, boggy soil.

Winterberry is dioecious, meaning there are male and female varieties. "If you want the female to produce berries, it needs to be planted near a pollinator, or male variety," Jessica explains. Luckily, the helpful Meadowbrook staff is happy to play matchmaker and can assist in selecting the perfect pair. Dwarf Alberta spruce (*Picea glauca* 'conica') is another winter favorite that looks great year-round.

Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs for winter interest. If you choose to show them off in containers for the holidays, you can transplant them to the garden afterward (as long as the soil has not yet frozen). Just remember, whether in containers or planted in the garden, make sure to water all shrubs as needed throughout the frigid season.

Save the Date!

The Holiday Open House is Saturday, December 5. Visit from 10 am to 5 pm to enjoy tours of the decorated estate house; children's activities; and a great selection of poinsettias, cut greens, and gifts.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *gotomeadowbrook.com*
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Meadowbrook Farm

A Tribute to Mamie Nichols

On July 1, Mamie Nichols died at 91 years of age. An unparalleled leader and determined activist, Mamie helped shape the early years of the Philadelphia Green program as she worked to improve the quality of life in her South Philadelphia neighborhood.

Mamie was an inspiration to all who knew her at PHS. Her connection to PHS dates back to the 1960s, when she and Haroldine Trower founded the Point Breeze Federation. In addition to promoting employment, education, and housing, the Federation became a "Green Countrie Towne" through PHS's then-fledgling Philadelphia Green program.

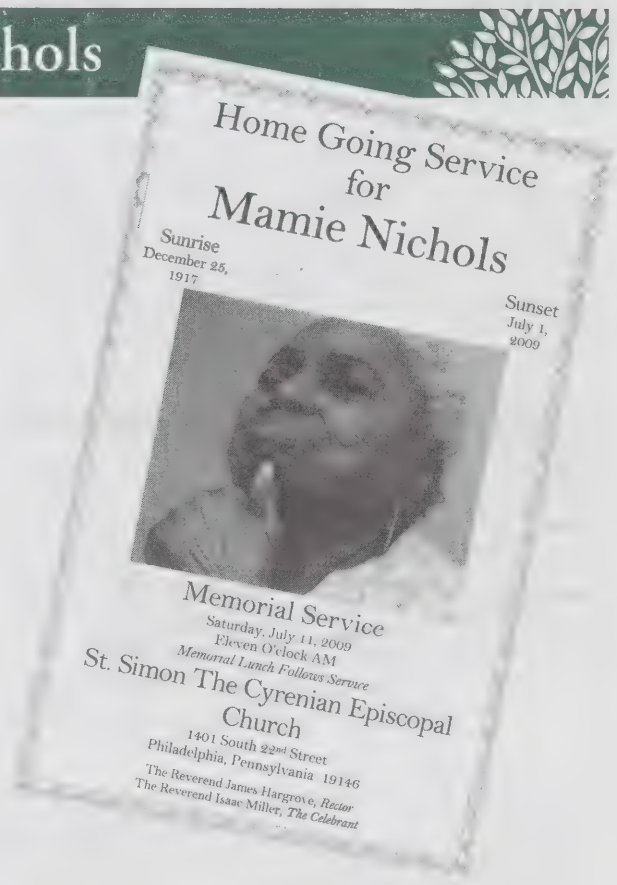
PHS's Anne Vallery recalls, "Haroldine was very soft-spoken, so Mamie was the voice of the organization. She had an amazing gift for rallying her neighbors."

Eileen Gallagher of PHS adds, "Mamie had progressive, big-picture ideas about ways to make her community better. And because she had such a presence about her, she was able to accomplish so much."

The intensive greening work that went into making Point Breeze a Green Countrie Towne included tree planting along several blocks and the establishment of two dozen small gardens.

"One garden was called the wedding garden," Anne says. "The community wanted a place where couples could have their pictures taken or, in many cases, have the wedding ceremony. It looked terrific!"

Eileen adds, "By the time the project was complete, the 80-some blocks of South Philadelphia looked remarkably better. Philadelphia Green had never attempted such concentrated-yet-far-reaching greening before."



In addition to serving as executive director of the Point Breeze Federation, Mamie lent her time to a number of nonprofit and civic organizations including PHS. For many years she was an invaluable member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and the PHS Council.

As PHS executive vice president J. Blaine Bonham Jr. puts it, "Mamie was a true champion of greening and fervently believed in its power to transform a neighborhood and feed the soul of the community."

– Daniel Moise

Special Greenfield Foundation Grant for City Harvest

PHS is most grateful to **The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation**, which has made a special sustaining grant this year to the PHS City Harvest project after generously funding it as a pilot program for four years. Through a partnership with the Philadelphia Prison System, SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange), the Health Promotion Council of Greater Philadelphia, Weavers Way Farm, and community gardeners, City Harvest helps make fresh food available to underserved communities. (City Harvest was profiled in the August/September *PHS News*.)

"PHS is thrilled to have the support of our founding funder, The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation, for 2009-2010," says Philadelphia Green senior director Joan Reilly. "It was the foundation's vision and investment that gave City Harvest wings when this vital initiative was just an idea. Their ongoing commitment allows us to provide locally grown produce to low-income families at a time when the need has never been greater."

PHS Greening Leaders Share Expertise

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ported that Cleveland "wants to emulate the Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green project, which has turned empty lots into green space."

Philadelphia Green has partnered with John Kromer, senior director of the Fels Institute of Government and the author of "Fixing Broken Cities," on many of these consultations.

"We explain how we approach the work of greening, how to partner with other organizations, and how to empower communities to care for the land," Maitreyi Roy, PHS vice president, says.

Other visits are under discussion. At press time, municipal officials and nonprofit representatives from Pittsburgh were scheduled to visit PHS in November to learn about the vacant land management program. In December, PHS leaders will attend the Keep America Beautiful national conference in Washington, DC, to provide training in park revitalization and urban forestry. PHS serves as a consultant to Keep America Beautiful, a national organization that promotes litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification. PHS offers webinars, online resources, and publications to KAB affiliates.

Since 1974, Philadelphia Green has worked with community groups and residents in neighborhoods throughout the city to plan and implement greening projects. The program restores neighborhood parks, supports community gardens, develops lush streetscapes, and oversees acres of medians and gateway landscapes throughout the city. Perhaps most importantly, it organizes and engages thousands of local citizens to improve their own communities.

All About Trees

Help Plant Trees in your Neighborhood

Come meet your neighbors, help plant trees, and enhance your community! PHS and volunteers have planted thousands of trees in Philadelphia and in neighboring counties in Pennsylvania through **TreeVitalize**. A program launched by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and led by PHS in southeastern PA, TreeVitalize engages citizens in helping to restore Pennsylvania's tree canopy.

Volunteers are needed for community tree plantings scheduled for November 21 & 22 in Philadelphia. **To find a planting in a neighborhood near you, please visit *PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org* and click on "All About Trees."** The website features a map where you can find exact locations, dates, times, and contact information.

For more information, please contact Mindy Maslin at 215-988-8844 or *mmaslin@pennhort.org*.

PHS staff member Mark Paronish (center) helps plant a tree with volunteers in Philadelphia's Fairmount neighborhood.

Become a Tree Tender!

The PHS **Tree Tenders** project, in partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, offers nine hours of hands-on tree care training for Pennsylvania residents. The free training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

Philadelphia
PHS 100 N. 20th St. 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Two Saturdays: January 9 & 16, 8:30 am – 1 pm

To register or for more information, please contact Mindy Maslin at *mmaslin@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844. Additional classes will be offered in the spring. Check with Mindy for dates or visit *PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org*.

Hats Off to 2009 PHS Gardening Champions

The 2009 PHS **City Gardens Contest** drew 320 entries. This friendly contest celebrates city gardens large and small, and categories range from individual flower gardens to community vegetable gardens with dozens of plots. Congratulations to all who entered, and special thanks to the 250 people who visited the gardens as volunteer judges!

Eighty-three nominations were received for the 2009 PHS **Community Greening Award**, which celebrates public green spaces in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The annual award recognizes those who have made a difference by planting and maintaining attractive green spaces that are open to the public. Special thanks to the more than 50 volunteer judges from all over the state who visited and evaluated the sites.

For a complete list of all award winners, please visit the PHS website at *PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org*.

(Left) The garden of William Fisher, City Gardens Contest third prize winner, and Highland Park Bridge Garden (below), Pittsburgh, PA, Community Greening Award winner

Sign up for Philadelphia Green Emails!

If you would like to learn more about Philadelphia Green, sign up for the electronic mailing list. You'll receive biweekly emails with links to the Philadelphia Green blog, where you can read about recent happenings, watch videos, and even add your own comments. Just visit the PHS website and click on "Sign up for the PHS mailing list." Then, click the box next to Philadelphia Green and fill in your information (you can select as many boxes as you like to receive other communications from PHS). You can view the Philadelphia Green blog at *phillygreen.com*.

Legacy Landscapes Endowment Campaign

An Interview with Campaign Donor Don Caldwell

PHS extends a heartfelt "thank you" to Don Caldwell, who recently made a generous contribution to the $12.1 million *Legacy Landscapes* endowment fund campaign. The founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Cross Atlantic Capital Partners Inc., Don is a longtime advocate of open space conservation. In fact, when he moved to Philadelphia in 1984, he quickly became involved with the renovation of the 26th Street Gateway.

"I was distressed that the city's entryway from the airport was, in my opinion, so unattractive. I mentioned it to PHS Council members and Jane Pepper, and the organization I worked for at the time funded the development of a landscape plan," he says.

By enlisting the support of public and private partners, PHS installed thousands of perennials, native grasses, and flowering trees on the formerly trash-strewn site. In subsequent years, the plants have become more stunning as they've matured. Don says, "A lot of progress has been made. The gateway looks radically different today."

Another of Don's favorite PHS sites is the Azalea Garden. "It's beautiful and inviting," he says. "The Azalea Garden enhances the surrounding area, particularly the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and has helped to make the [Schuylkill] riverfront a center for activity."

This appreciation for the transformative effects of greening is what inspired Don's recent donation to the *Legacy Landscapes* campaign. "Caring for our environment is good for us both emotionally, as residents, and economically, as a prosperous, competitive city," he says. "PHS has accomplished so much with parks, gardens, and more; so it's great that I can help."

Don also views his contribution as a "tip of the hat" to PHS president Jane Pepper, who will retire in the spring of 2010. He says, "I think Jane Pepper has been the most extraordinary leader; she deserves all the kudos that could be handed her! The *Legacy Landscapes* campaign is a great testament to her work and will ensure that her legacy endures."

As of August 31, 2009, Legacy Landscapes has raised:

Total Gifts and Pledges:	**$7,862,314**
Total Deferred Gifts:	**$ 41,436**

PHS is sincerely grateful to all *Legacy Landscapes* contributors. Recent commitments have been made by Donald R. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac H. Clothier 4th, The Colket Foundation/Ruth M. and Tristram C. Colket Jr., Lisa M. Gemmill, and Peter and Susan Wilmerding.

Don Caldwell (right) and a recent picture of 26th Street Gateway (below), one of PHS's *Legacy Landscapes.*

Hamilton Family Foundation Challenge

The Hamilton Family Foundation has awarded PHS a $10,000 challenge grant to raise funds for the **PHS Green City Teachers** program. Green City Teachers provides Philadelphia educators with training and support to integrate horticultural and environmental education into their classroom curricula and after-school programs. Created three years ago with pilot support from The Burpee Foundation, Green City Teachers has helped many teachers start or expand school gardens and offer their students hands-on opportunities to learn about plants and the environment.

The challenge grant will help PHS build a broader base of support for Green City Teachers. This grant will only be awarded if PHS can raise a matching $10,000 in new or increased gifts from other foundations. If you know of a foundation that might be interested in supporting Green City Teachers and helping PHS meet this challenge, please contact PHS grants manager David Schneck at 215-988-1624 or *dschneck@pennhort.org*.

Special thanks to Hamilton Family Foundation challenge supporters, including the Bennett Family Foundation, the Connelly Foundation, GlaxoSmithKline Foundation, Lincoln Financial Group Foundation, the Rosenlund Family Foundation, and the Joseph Kennard Skilling Foundation.

Green City Teachers participants—including Chuck Lafferty (front), a Philadelphia Green Advisory Board member—built a school garden this summer at Luis Muñoz Marín Elementary School in North Philadelphia.

The PHS Annual Fund

Gifts to the Annual Fund provide unrestricted support for Philadelphia Green, allowing PHS to carry out its mission *to motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture*. Philadelphia Green supports community gardens, revitalizes neighborhood parks, organizes tree plantings, and cares for spectacular public landscapes throughout the city.

To help PHS meet its 2009–2010 Annual Fund goal, the **Independence Foundation** has awarded PHS a challenge grant that *will match all new and increased gifts made to the PHS Annual Fund by June 30, 2010*, making your contribution go even further. We hope that you will consider making a **100 percent tax-deductible** gift to the PHS Annual Fund.

We are pleased to offer the following giving options:

Online: Visit our secure website at *PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org* and click on "Give to the 2009/2010 Annual Fund."

Mail: Please send your contribution to:
The PHS Annual Fund
The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

United Way: Fall marks the kick-off of the annual United Way campaign, and through the Donor Option program, you can direct your United Way pledge or outright contribution to PHS. Just note **PHS Donor Option ID # 06197** on your pledge card.

Please contact the Development office at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org* with questions or to make your contribution over the phone.

Announcing Greener Giving

PHS is pleased to offer Annual Fund donors a **paperless giving program**. Greener Giving allows you to elect to **automatically renew your gift to the PHS Annual Fund** with a credit card on the anniversary of your gift date, significantly reducing the number of paper communications you receive from PHS, while also reducing the carbon footprint of your gift. Additionally, Greener Giving lets PHS maximize your gift by putting resources directly toward Philadelphia Green programs, instead of toward mailings throughout the year.

For further details or to become a Greener Giver, please contact the PHS Development Office at *giving@pennhort.org*. We hope that you will consider this opportunity to help PHS maintain our commitment to a green and financially strong future.

Membership News

Special Fall Shopping Days for PHS Members

Enjoy savings in October at these fall events! Take your **active PHS membership card** with you to receive these special offers. Need a replacement card? Contact Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-1622, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

Saturday, October 17, 9 am – 5 pm

Orchid Doctor
886 Lancaster Ave
Devon, PA 19333
610-293-8180
OrchidSupplies.net

Selected items will be discounted up to 50 percent for PHS Members. Lectures and demonstrations will be held throughout the day, and light refreshments will be available. Members are invited to bring their orchids for a free evaluation. **RSVP for this event by October 10 by calling 610-293-8180 or email *OrchidDoctor@verizon.net* and receive a free goody bag!**

Sunday, October 18, 12 – 4 pm

Triple Oaks Nursery & Herb Garden
2359 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ 08322
856-694-4272
tripleoaks.com

PHS Members will **receive a 20 percent discount on all plant purchases**. Visit the nursery's extensive display gardens along the Little Ease Run, which is a tributary of the Maurice River. Garden tours will be held from 1 to 3 pm. Triple Oaks offers a wide variety of plants, including hardy tropicals and unusual trees and shrubs. The day will also include a farmers market, refreshments, and a drawing for Triple Oaks gift certificates. **RSVP for this event for calling 856-694-4272 or emailing *greatplants@tripleoaks.com*.**

PHS Members Save at Subaru

A PHS Member Benefit!

If you are in the market to purchase a new car, now may be the perfect time to take advantage of one of your benefits as a PHS member. All members are eligible to participate in the Subaru **VIP Partners Program**. As a premiere level sponsor of the Flower Show, Subaru offers PHS members from $1,300 to $3,300 off the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (depending on model and accessories; MSRP does not include tax, title, and registration fees) plus any applicable incentives on the purchase or lease of a new Subaru from participating dealers. **PHS members should contact PHS prior to calling or visiting a local Subaru dealer.** PHS will verify that your membership is active and request that a Dealer Visit Authorization Form be mailed to you from Subaru. Once you receive your authorization form, visit the dealer and receive your special discount. Please contact PHS Member Services at 215-988-8776 for additional information.

Travel with Us

Visit the Gardens of Devon and Cornwall with Jane Pepper
April 18 – 28, 2010

Join Jane Pepper to visit some of the magical gardens on England's western peninsula. We will begin the tour in Cornwall, where the acid soil combines with the steep terrain to produce some amazing vistas of rhododendrons, azaleas, and magnolias in the great gardens at Caerhays and Trewithen. We will also visit seaside gardens and travel by helicopter to see the iconic Abbey Gardens on the isle of Tresco.

We will finish the trip in Devonshire, a large county rich in gardens, from the maritime to the wild gardens on the edge of Dartmoor. The tour is being arranged by Ann & Colin Senior of Heritage Garden Tours in the United Kingdom.

For more information, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

Gardens in Maryland
June 7 – 10, 2010

For four days in June, PHS members will visit private gardens near Chestertown and Easton, Maryland, on the Eastern shore and across the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis. Many of the gardens have views of the rivers and creeks that are so numerous in the Chesapeake Bay area. We'll visit gardens created by the owners as well as gardens by famous designers. We'll be greeted by gardeners who share the joy of finding and collecting plants, and collect our own favorite plants in a well-known nursery before returning home. We will also sample some of the food for which the area is famous. We'll travel by bus from the Philadelphia area and enjoy overnight accommodations in Easton.

This trip will be led by Jean Lenehan of JL Tours and PHS staff member Chela Kleiber. **For more information, please contact Chela at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.**

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Tresco Gardens, a stop on the Devon and Cornwall Trip

McLean Library News

Exhibit: Printing Processes in Botanical Illustration

Through November 30, 2009

This exhibit depicts three printing processes used in botanical printmaking: relief, intaglio, and planographic. Herbal woodcuts, eighteenth-century engravings, and nineteenth-century lithographs are on display. Visit the McLean Library (100 N. 20th Street) from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Monthly Book and Film Discussion Groups

Join "**Stories from the Garden**," the McLean Library's long-running book discussion group. Each month we'll read and discuss works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land. The first meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 1 from 5:45 to 7:45**, when the group will discuss Michael Pollan's *The Omnivore's Dilemma*. Participants must read books prior to each meeting.

Do you love to watch movies and talk about them? Join our **film discussion series**, where we'll talk about movies in which nature, gardens, or the environment play a role. This year's selections will focus on films from countries featured in the 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show's *Passport to the World*, including the **Netherlands, South Africa, Brazil, India** and **New Zealand**. The first discussion will be Tuesday, October 20, 6 to 7 pm, with a 4 pm screening of the film in the library conference room. Participants will discuss Dutch director Alex van Warmerdam's *Grimm*, a dark retelling of the Hansel and Gretel story, along with the animation short *Tulips Shall Grow*. (For all films, screenings are at 4 pm; discussions run from 6 to 7 pm.)

Both groups meet in the PHS McLean Library. Participation is free and open to all, but pre-registration is requested. For complete schedules and to register for either group, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772, or visit the PHS website, *PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org* and click on "Calendar."

Education Programs

PHS FLOWER ARRANGING EVENTS

Scandinavian Modern! Floral Design Events with Kristin Voreland
October 28, 29, & 30
Philadelphia Cricket Club
Chestnut Hill

PHS presents Scandinavian Modern: Contemporary Floral Design at Home, a series of floral design events this fall with **acclaimed Norwegian arranger Kristin Voreland.** Ms. Voreland has lectured around the world and won the prestigious Europa Cup in 1986. Her work is in great demand, and every year she has the honor of decorating the Norwegian Royal Summer House. This is her first trip to the United States.

Ms. Voreland's design approach is attuned to world concerns about sustainability. She advocates enhancing selected flowers with natural elements from our gardens.

On Wednesday, October 28, Kristin will give a demonstration for all skill levels (with an optional buffet lunch), followed by hands-on workshops on Thursday, October 29 and an all-day master class for more advanced arrangers on Friday, October 30.

For more information, visit the PHS website and click on "Calendar," email *programreg@pennhort.org,* or call 215-988-8869. All events will take place at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, and free parking is provided.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Workshop: Containing Winter in Pots and Boxes
Tuesday, November 24, 10 am – 12 noon

When cold weather arrives, it is time to freshen up your outdoor displays or even bring the outdoors inside. Combine evergreens, plant seeds, and branches in a pot or window box for creative winter displays. **Sharon Kaszan** will demonstrate how to use these gifts of the garden. Please bring hand pruners and gloves. **Limit 20. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

Workshop: Holiday Treasures from the Garden & Forest
Thursday, December 3, 10 am – 12 noon

Bring some green to your mantle or table for the holidays, and learn the tricks of the florist trade from Meadowbrook Farm's volunteer coordinator **Diana K. Weiner.** She will demonstrate how to make roping, kissing balls, and fabulous wreaths from plants you may have in your own garden. Then you will create a boxwood topiary treasure that will last for months indoors. Topiaries are easy to make, and when treated properly may even "dry" to be used year-round with just a change in decoration. Space is limited; sign up early for this festive, hands-on event. Please bring hand pruners and gloves. **Limit 25. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

REGIONAL EVENING LECTURE
Berks County Agriculture Center, Leesport, PA

Fashionably Late: The Garden after August 1st
Thursday, November 12, 6:30 pm

Many people feel that the garden is finished at the first hint of fall. But this talk by **Dan Benarcik** will convince you otherwise! Dan will offer ideas to keep the garden alive with exhilarating color and texture throughout the fall.

Dan Benarcik is a horticulturist at Chanticleer, in Wayne, Pennsylvania, as well as a writer whose articles have appeared in *Fine Gardening, Horticulture,* and *Martha Stewart Living* magazines and Rodale gardening books. He teaches at Longwood Gardens and is a popular lecturer in the Delaware Valley and nationally.

This lecture is co-sponsored by PHS; Penn State Cooperative Extension, Berks County; Penn State Berks Campus; and the Berks County Horticulture Club. Directions will be mailed with confirmation letters. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments. **Fee: $10 members of the co-sponsoring organizations, $20 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS

Evening Lecture: Of Big Apples, Green Countrie Townes, and Landscape
Thursday, October 8, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

There are two historical centers of thought about the American landscape, Philadelphia and New York. Their parks and gardens, paintings and poetry are some of the principal achievements of American culture. And yet the landscape art of the two cities could not be more different, reflecting fundamentally different attitudes toward nature, science, and society. This talk explores these attitudes and their historical roots and suggests how they came to stamp indelibly the characteristic landscape art of each city.

Michael J. Lewis teaches American art at Williams College, where he is Faison-Pierson-Stoddard Professor of Art. He writes widely on architecture and culture, and his essays have appeared in such publications as *The New York Times, Wall Street Journal* and *Atlantic Monthly.* His books include *Frank Furness: Architecture and the Violent Mind* (2001) and the prize-winning *Politics of the German Gothic Revival* (1993).

The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening, and the lecture will be followed by light refreshments and wine. This event is co-sponsored by the Wagner Free Institute of Science. **Fee: $10 PHS and Wagner Institute members, $20 non-members.**

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Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

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Education Programs

Workshop: Botanical Illustration with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays, October 13 – December 8, (no class November 10), 10 am – 1 pm
PHS Classroom and Auditorium

If you are challenged by the medium of watercolor and have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you! Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, creating form and dimensionality, and a discussion of watercolor brushes and paper. We will work from live specimens, beginning with the simpler forms of fruits and vegetables. It is necessary to attend the first session of this popular eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members. Limit: 15.**

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome!

FLOWER SHOW EVENT

Brown Bag Lunch: Lounging with Lions – A Month in Zimbabwe

Wednesday, November 4, 12 noon,
PHS Auditorium

This talk is part of a series of Brown-Bag Lunch programs featuring journeys to exotic lands in keeping with the 2010 Flower Show theme, "Passport to the World." Get a stamp for all you attend and if you see them all, the last one is free!

In 2008 PHS staff member **Daniel Moise** spent a month in Gweru, Zimbabwe, as a volunteer at Antelope Park, a wildlife preserve specializing in the rehabilitation of African lions. He was involved in the research of lion behavior and worked with the world's only program for their release into the wild. He also assisted with orphaned elephants; toured the surrounding countryside; and visited Victoria Falls, considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Bring your lunch; PHS will provide snacks and drinks. **Fee: $5.**

CANCELLATION

The Brown-Bag Lunch program on Burma scheduled for October 7, listed in the August/September PHS News, has been cancelled. PHS apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

PHS GREENSOURCE PROGRAM

Greensource is a PHS series that promotes best practices in the planning, design, construction, and management of urban landscapes and is supported by funding from the William Penn Foundation.

Tour of Dansko Corporate Headquarters

Jennersville, PA
Wednesday, October 7, 5 pm

In 2008 the US Green Building Council awarded the corporate headquarters of popular footwear firm Dansko its second highest gold rating for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). The 80,000-square-foot building earned this exceptional designation with a number of green features, including a green roof, a 20 x 22-foot green wall with a soothing waterfall, numerous recycled materials manufactured in the region, and recycled water and air in and around the building.

This event will begin with a reception featuring local wines and light snacks, and the shoe outlet will be open until the formal program begins at 5:45. The program will include presentations by **Michael Furbish of Furbish Company**, the designer and installer of the green roof and wall; **architect Paul Sgroi of Bernardon Haber Holloway Architects PC**, who will describe the design process; and **Ed Snodgrass of Emory Knoll Farms**, who grew the plants for the green roof and walls. Snodgrass is also the author, with his wife, Lucie, of *Green Roof Plants: A Resource and Planting Guide* (Timber Press, 2006), which will be available for signing during the reception. The presentations will be followed by a tour of the building. Directions will be mailed with registration. **FREE.**

COACH TRIP

Grounds for Sculpture and Morven Museum & Garden

Hamilton and Princeton, New Jersey
Thursday, November 5,
8:45 am – approximately 5:30 pm

Travel with us to Princeton and Hamilton, New Jersey, and enjoy a day of art and history in two very different garden settings.

In 1984, sculptor and philanthropist J. Seward Johnson envisioned a public sculpture garden and museum in Hamilton, NJ. His desire was to make contemporary sculpture more accessible and to offer people from all backgrounds the opportunity to become comfortable with contemporary art. **Grounds For Sculpture** was conceived as a place where audiences could experience sculpture in a familiar, accessible, and informal setting.

Construction on the sculpture park began in 1989 on the former site of the New Jersey State Fairgrounds, and it opened to the public in 1992. The collection of more than 240 works includes sculptures by Clement Meadmore, Anthony Caro, Beverly Pepper, Kiki Smith, and George Segal. Some pieces in the collection were commissioned specifically for the sculpture park. We will enjoy a guided tour of the sculptures, followed by lunch, either in the café or fabulous Rat's Restaurant, and will have plenty of time to explore the extensive grounds.

Next we will travel to **Morven Museum & Garden,** the former site of the New Jersey Governor's Mansion and the eighteenth-century home of Richard Stockton. For more than 200 years, Morven has played a role in the history of New Jersey and the nation. Originally part of a 5,500-acre tract purchased from William Penn in 1701 by the first Richard Stockton to settle in Princeton, Morven encompasses 150 acres of land purchased in 1754 by his grandson, also Richard Stockton, one of the leading attorneys in the American colonies and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Four more generations of Stocktons resided at Morven through the early twentieth century.

General Robert Wood Johnson, chairman of the Johnson & Johnson Company, was the first non-family member to reside at Morven. He was followed by five New Jersey governors when Morven served as the Governor's Mansion from 1945 to 1981.

We will tour the house and then tour the garden on our own, where a horticulturist will be available for questions. Bus pick-ups are available at PHS and the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. Fee includes coach travel, a lunch voucher at Grounds For Sculpture, tours and entrance fees, and snacks. **Limit: 40. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

The "green wall" at Dansko Headquarters

FREE LECTURE SERIES

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor the multi-session course: Fungi and Plants. *This course is free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS auditorium. Due to space limitations,* ***pre-registration is required*** *and begins on Monday, November 16, 2009. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement.* ***To register, please call the Wagner Institute at 215-763-6529, ext. 23.***

Fungi and Plants

Wednesday, January 20; five Mondays, January 25 – February 22, 6:30 pm

The fungi constitute an entire kingdom of organisms, just as plants and animals do, but they are far less well-known. While perhaps 100,000 species of fungi have been named, compared with over 300,000 plant species, some experts have suggested that there may be 10 times more fungal species than plant species. Because there are so many different kinds of fungi, and many are microscopic, just identifying them is a challenge.

Taught by **Dr. Karen Snetselaar**, this course will look at a few groups of fungi that are particularly important to plants and to people interested in plants. It will cover fungi that promote plant growth as well as those that cause diseases.

Karen Snetselaar is professor and chair of biology at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She is a botanist whose research is focused on plant symbiosis and fungi and has published extensively in science journals. She has been teaching for the Wagner Institute since 1997.

CONFERENCE

2009 Perennial Plant Conference

Friday, October 16
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College

Learn about promising new plant introductions and enjoy lectures on a variety of gardening topics, including flowering bulbs for all seasons, designing for "curb appeal" with native plants, ornamental grasses, and more. There will also be an afternoon study tour of the green roofs of Swarthmore College.

Speakers include **Tomasz Anisko**, curator of plants at Longwood Gardens, in Kennett Square, PA; **Dave Demers**, owner of CYAN Horticulture, a landscape design and consultation firm, as well as a photographer, garden writer, and lecturer; **Bill McLaughlin**, curator of Living Collections at the US Botanic Garden, in Washington, DC; **Doug Tallamy**, professor and chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware; **Jimmy Turner**, senior director of gardens at the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden; and Dutch garden designer and writer **Jacqueline van der Kloet.**

For more information and to register, please visit *perennialplantconference.org* or contact the Continuing Education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507. Register early!

PECO GREEN ROOF TOUR

PECO headquarters
2301 Market St., Philadelphia
Wednesday, October 21, 5 – 6 pm

Want to learn about exciting "green roof" technology? Join PHS for a tour of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters. Totaling over 45,000 square feet, it is the largest green roof installed on an existing building (as opposed to new construction) in Philadelphia. **Limit 45. Fee: $5 members, $10 non-members; must register by October 19.**

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PHS CITY GARDENING SERIES

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with ***Chanticleer … A Pleasure Garden****, in Wayne, PA and friends groups of the Free Library of Philadelphia.* ***These events are free unless otherwise noted.*** *For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website,* PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org, *or contact Marilyn Reynolds at* citygardening@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8872.*

Four Season Container Gardens
Saturday, October 10, 11 am – 12 noon
J. Lewis Crozer Library
620 Engle Street
Chester, PA 19013

Fabulous Fall Containers
Monday, October 12, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library
1001 Powell Street
Norristown, PA 19401

The Fall Garden
Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library
1001 Powell Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Planting Spring Bulbs
Saturday, October 24, 11 am – 12 noon
Bartram's Garden
54th St. & Lindbergh Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA

Winter Care for Houseplants
Wednesday, November 4, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library
1001 Powell Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Holiday Flower Arranging
Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library
1001 Powell Street
Norristown, PA 19401

PHS Annual Report Now in *Green Scene*!

The 2009 **PHS Annual Report** will be published in the November/December issue of *Green Scene* magazine. The Annual Report contains stories about the past year's accomplishments at PHS, including Philadelphia Green projects, educational initiatives, a financial report, and more. You can also read a special letter from Jane Pepper, who will retire next spring. If you do not currently receive *Green Scene*, please consider upgrading your membership by visiting *PennsylvaniaHorticulturalSociety.org* or calling the Member Services office at 215-988-8776. The PHS Annual Report will also be available on the PHS website.

Fall for Your Park on November 21
9 am – 12 noon

The 10th annual PHS Fall For Your Park will be **Saturday, November 21**. Park friends groups all across the city will be collecting leaves in their neighborhood parks. Staff from PHS's Philadelphia Green program and the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation will lead composting workshops and teach park volunteers about the many benefits and uses for fall leaves. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1611.

Volunteers Needed for the Flower Show!
Philadelphia International Flower Show
February 28 – March 7, 2010

There are many opportunities to become involved in the Flower Show. Here are a few:

- ☐ Exhibitor Aide: Help exhibitors transport their plants.
- ☐ Recorder: Log information on plant entries.
- ☐ Runner: Carry plant entry cards to and from typing table.
- ☐ Clerk: Assist judging teams and place ribbons.
- ☐ Infonet: Welcome and direct visitors.
- ☐ PHS Shoppe: Assist with sales and service.
- ☐ Garden Tea: Help serve formal tea.

Name _____

Address _____

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Tel _____ Email _____

To sign up, please return this form to Joseph Dougherty, PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or email Joe at *jdougherty@pennhort.org*. We will then contact you with more information.

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Passport to the World
2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show
February 28 – March 7, Pennsylvania Convention Center

The 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Passport to the World*, will take visitors on a journey, not only around the globe, but also back in time.

Visitors entering the 2010 Flower Show will get a sense of early plant exploration in the **Explorer's Garden**. The entranceway display will incorporate plants from all over the world, including several shown in the first Philadelphia Flower Show, held in 1829.

"The early flower shows were very much about collecting plants from exotic lands and showing them to the public for the first time," explains Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney. "We want our visitors to understand what that feeling of discovery was like."

The four-year Wilkes Expedition, funded by the US Navy from 1838 to 1842, brought back 60,000 samples of plant and animal species, including 250 live plants (most were cut and preserved during the journey). In the Explorer's Garden, visitors will see two direct descendents of plants collected on that trip, including an *Angiopteris evecta*, a massive ground fern whose fronds can reach eight to ten feet, and a *Cycas circinalis* (Sago palm), also known as the living fossil.

To accentuate the old-world feeling of the Explorer's Garden, a 28-foot-tall hot-air balloon covered in dried flowers will tower over a garden filled with Norfolk Island pines; a 24-foot-tall, fan-shaped traveler palm; rhododendrons; azaleas; and magnolias.

Of course, plant exploration still goes on today, and the Explorer's Garden will highlight plants collected by three organizations that continue to fund expeditions and bring back new specimens: Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, and the United States Botanic Garden.

One standout plant will be the *Victoria* 'Longwood Hybrid' water platter, a massive water lily that can span up to six feet across. Longwood botanist Patrick Nutt bred the plant in 1960 by crossing two water platter species found in South America.

Moving on from the Explorer's Garden, the *Passport* theme will encompass a series of Showcase Gardens that celebrate the landscapes, plants, and cultures of India, the Netherlands, South Africa, Brazil, Singapore, and New Zealand. Other exhibitors throughout the main exhibition hall will offer a glimpse of China, Japan, Thailand, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, and the Caribbean, as well as the Arctic region's Aurora Borealis.

"When you leave the Flower Show this year, we want you to feel like you've traveled the world," says Lemheney.

For more information about the 2010 Flower Show, including details on entertainment, education programs, and other attractions, please visit *theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8899. On the website, check out the Flower Show Blog for behind-the-scenes happenings and insider tips.

PHS Members' Preview:
Saturday, February 27, 12 – 3:30 pm

PHS Awarded $300,000 from USDA
Grant will support Entrepreneurial Food Program

A major grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture will help bring fresh produce to more city dwellers. The USDA has awarded PHS a $300,000 grant to launch an entrepreneurial urban food growing program in Philadelphia over the next three years.

The funding, which must be matched by public and private donations, will enable PHS to create a **Community Growers Alliance** aimed at increasing the availability of locally grown fresh produce throughout the city. The program will also establish Green Resource Centers and farmers markets that will help urban gardeners grow and sell produce for supplemental income.

"We will choose 17 participating growers in the first year, with two slots reserved for youth initiatives," explains Claire Baker, PHS program manager. "A total of 66 will participate over the three years of the grant. Growers will be selected on the basis of experience and likelihood of success, but we also hope to include growers of all ages, from all parts of the city, and from a wide range of backgrounds."

Selected growers must commit to the Growers Alliance for three years, work with the PHS team on crop planning, and attend community education workshops.

The new program builds on PHS's successful **City Harvest** program, funded by The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation. City Harvest partners with the Philadelphia Prison System, SHARE, the Health Promotion Council, and Weavers Way Co-op and Farm to supply fresh organic produce to families in need. Growers Alliance participants must donate some of their produce to City Harvest.

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New! Purchase and Print Flower Show Tickets Online

Purchase extra Flower Show tickets for your friends and family at *theflowershow.com*.
See page 2 for details.

PHS in the News

To catch up on recent media coverage of PHS events and programs, visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "PHS in the News"

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Pepperpot: Making Connections

One of the best things about working at PHS is witnessing the power of plants to make connections among people from many backgrounds.

In October we hosted members on a tour to visit our Philadelphia Green sites. We travelled across the city in a trolley looking at abandoned land transformed into productive vegetable gardens; stormwater management projects at a recreation center, in a park, and at a school; at tree plantings along city sidewalks; and at the exuberant plantings surrounding the Swann Fountain at Logan Square in Center City.

Our last stop was at Gorgas Park, in Roxborough. Dedicated in 1895, Gorgas Park was weedy and tattered by the second half of the twentieth century, a place where, as Joan Reilly, Philadelphia Green's senior director, said to our guests, "mothers would not allow their children to play." In 1996 the Friends of Gorgas Park stepped in, and gradually, with help from PHS and support from the Philadelphia Recreation Department, the volunteer group turned this 20-acre green space in a dense urban environment into a wonderful resource for the community.

When we arrived, John Boyce, a neighborhood postal worker and leader of the Friends group, greeted us. At the park entrance stood a planting of 'Purple Dome' aster (*Aster novae-angliae* 'Purple Dome'), introduced by Mt. Cuba Center in Greenville, DE. This plant stands out among fall-blooming asters because of its brilliant purple flowers and low-growing habit.

Among our tour guests was Dr. Richard W. Lighty, who was director of Mt. Cuba when 'Purple Dome' was introduced to the trade. You should have heard Dr. Lighty and John Boyce, two individuals who may not ever have run into each other had it not been for the PHS/Gorgas Park connection, get into quite a conversation over the merits of 'Purple Dome'.

Another wonderful interaction took place at the recent PHS City Harvest celebration, held every year at the Philadelphia Prison System ASD Correctional Unit, when community gardeners, inmates, and staff members of our partners in this program—the Prison System, Health Promotion Council, SHARE, and Weavers Way Co-op and Farm—gather to rejoice in the bounty of the garden. The City Harvest partners and community gardeners grow and distribute fresh vegetables to food cupboards throughout the city. In closing the festivities, James Castro, an inmate who had worked all summer in the prison's greenhouse and garden, commented, "For years I have been taking, taking, and taking. This program has given me an opportunity to start giving back to my community."

There was hardly a dry eye among us, and once again plants and people came together in an extraordinary way through PHS.

To learn more about City Harvest, the Parks project, and other PHS's programs, please visit the PHS website at *PHSonline.org*. If you are a Leadership-Level member and would like to participate in a future PHS Trolley Tour, please contact Suzanne Betts at *sbetts@pennhort.org*.

Anne Pepper

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Holiday Open House, December 5

Kick off a festive holiday season with a visit to Meadowbrook Farm on **Saturday, December 5 from 10 am to 5 pm** for the annual **Holiday Open House**. Visitors are invited to tour the estate, admire the seasonal decorations, and nibble on complimentary refreshments. For the young ones, Meadowbrook has prepared a themed activity.

The Holiday Open House is an ideal opportunity to check off people on your holiday gift-giving list. The shelves of Meadowbrook's **gift shop** are lined with charming items for the home and garden. In addition to candles, soaps, and pottery, the gift shop features potted plants, wreaths, swags, and cut greens to add color to the holiday season. Don't go home without one (or a few!) of Meadowbrook's signature poinsettias. In addition to the classic red-bract variety, there are poinsettias of all shapes and colors (including fun shades of blue and gold).

Beginning in December, the **Flower Show Gift Pack** will also be available for purchase. The $70 gift pack includes:

- Two tickets to the 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show (plus a Shopper's Delight discount card, good for 10 percent off purchases made at the Flower Show)
- A beautiful poinsettia* or blooming plant
- An attractive greeting card

To learn more about the wonderful ways Meadowbrook Farm is gearing up for winter, visit *gotomeadowbrook.com.*

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Online Ticketing for Flower Show Now Available!

Tickets to the 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Passport to the World*, are now available online at *theflowershow.com*. The new e-ticketing system allows you to print your tickets at home. Special ticket prices are available for students, families, and groups. Members' tickets will be mailed in February.

Flower Show tickets make wonderful holiday gifts for everyone on your shopping list! This year, online customers can personalize each ticket with a name or gift message. Visit *theflowershow.com* today for more information.

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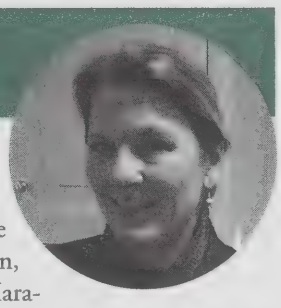
Stay up to date with PHS happenings and help us reduce costs and our impact on the environment. Send your current email address to *PHS-Info@pennhort.org*. In doing so, you will receive announcements via email of events, education programming, and shopping discounts, as well as membership renewal notification.

Congratulations to Recent Raffle Winners!

Members' Day Membership Raffle: Janet Kesckes, $100 gift certificate
Members' Day Email Raffle: John Wilmer, $50 gift certificate
Meadowbrook Farm Fall Open House Email Raffle: Philomena Schopf, $25 gift certificate

In the Spotlight



Sandy Greenwood

About 20 years ago, Sandy Greenwood helped a friend bring plants to the Philadelphia Flower Show to enter into competition, and she's been coming back, in one capacity or another, every year since.

Sandy's own first foray into exhibiting at the Show worked out quite well. She submitted a begonia on the first of three judging days for novices, and it took a blue ribbon. The second and third days, she won second place and honorable mention. She was hooked.

Before long Sandy began volunteering for the Show, first as a recorder (registering plant entries as they come in) and later as chair of horticulture clerks, then judges and awards. She also chaired committees for the Tables and Arbors design classes. "It gave me a good cross-section of experience," says Sandy.

For the 2010 Show, *Passport to the World,* Sandy serves as chair of all Competitive Classes, including Horticulture, Design, and Artistic. Starting last January, she worked with Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney and other volunteers to come up with class themes and titles inspired by the theme. She helps choose chairpersons for each section, and with her vice-chair Joe Marano, holds meetings throughout the year to help exhibitors prepare for the Show.

Chairing Competitive Classes is a demanding job, especially since participation has grown tremendously in recent years, especially in the Horticulture Classes. Sandy attributes the growth to PHS efforts to streamline the entry process. "The online entry option brings in the young people, too," she notes.

The job has many rewards, but as many other Flower Show volunteers attest, Sandy thinks the best thing about being involved with the Show is the people. "I'm amazed by the caliber of the people, both exhibitors and volunteers, and their range of backgrounds," she says. "It's such a cross-section of the Philadelphia area."

Sandy also feels good knowing that Flower Show proceeds support Philadelphia Green. "I love the whole purpose of the Show," she says. "It makes it worth all the hard work."

PHS Awarded $300,000 from USDA

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"We are thrilled with the opportunity to take urban food production to the next level throughout the city," says Joan Reilly, senior director of Philadelphia Green. "This program will allow PHS and its partners to increase their growing capacity, increase the supply of fresh produce to farmers markets, and help individuals and groups make money growing healthy food."

The Green Resource Centers will distribute seeds, plants, lumber for raised beds, and other supplies to Growers Alliance members. They will also hold community education workshops on gardening and cooking with fresh vegetables. The first of three resource centers will open this year at Weavers Way Co-op Farm in northwest Philadelphia.

The PHS Community Growers Alliance supports one of the goals of Philadelphia's sustainability plan, *Greenworks Philadelphia,* which calls for bringing local food to within 10 minutes of 75 percent of residents, as well as creating an additional 86 fresh food outlets by 2015.

PHS CITY HARVEST BY THE NUMBERS IN 2009	
Number of participating community gardens:	45
Food cupboards served:	30
Number of inmates participating:	60
Nutrition workshops:	71
Total pounds of food produced since the program's inception in 2005:	52,542

Participants and partners in the City Harvest project celebrated the 2009 harvest with a party at the Prison facility in Northeast Philadelphia in October.

Remembering James Taylor

Mr. James Taylor, the founder and long-time leader of Glenwood Green Acres, a large community garden at 18th Street and Glenwood Avenue in Philadelphia, died at his home on August 30. He was 88.

Working with PHS's Philadelphia Green program, Mr. Taylor and his wife, Ruth, started Glenwood Green Acres in 1983 on a vacant lot left when fire led to the demolition of a whiskey barrel factory across the street from their home. Glenwood Green Acres covers almost four acres along the Amtrak rail lines and hosts as many as 90 vegetable plots.

Mr. Taylor opened the garden every morning about 5 am and was always busy planting his garden and caring for the paths and common areas. The garden has hosted intergenerational projects on the heritage of southern agriculture, as crops of tobacco, cotton, and peanuts are still grown there. "Most visitors had never seen these crops growing before," says PHS staff member Eileen Gallagher, who works closely with the Glenwood gardeners, "and this would start the stories, bring him back to his farming days in the South."

Glenwood Green Acres has won numerous prizes in the PHS City Gardens Contest and serves as a destination for Philadelphia Green-sponsored tours and horticultural workshops. The site was purchased by the Neighborhood Gardens Association (NGA) at Sheriff's Sale in 1997, ensuring its permanent use as a community garden. "Mr. Taylor's dedication to the garden was one of the reasons that Glenwood Green Acres has thrived over the years and that the garden was preserved for the community," says Terry Mushovic, NGA's executive director. "His legacy will carry on into the future."

James Taylor at Glenwood Green Acres

PHS Greening Leader Joan Reilly Receives Award

Joan Reilly, senior director of Philadelphia Green, accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from Bartram's Garden in October along with her husband, Michael DiBerardinis, commissioner of Philadelphia's Department of Parks and Recreation and special advisor to the mayor. The two were honored at the annual benefit and silent auction for Bartram's Garden, a National Historic Landmark and the former home of famed plant explorers John and William Bartram.

Joan was recognized for "her tireless advocacy for revitalizing urban green spaces and building strong communities in Philadelphia." She has been instrumental in developing PHS's Parks program, a 15-year partnership among PHS, the city, and neighborhood residents that has revitalized more than 100 neighborhood parks. Joan also oversees the PHS City Harvest program.

Left to right: Michael DiBerardinis, Bartram's Garden executive director Louise Turan, and Joan Reilly

PHS Teams with Girls Scouts for New Patch Program

A collaboration between PHS and the Girls Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania has resulted in a new scout patch program, "Planting Seeds, Growing Lives," which encourages girls of all ages to build relationships and transform their communities through greening activities. The patch workbook is geared toward four age groups with appropriate requirements for each level. The tenets of the program are growth, exploration, and leadership.

A special Girl Scout Day will be held at the 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show on Sunday, March 7, when scouts who have completed a portion of the patch program will be recognized at an award ceremony. All Girl Scouts who visit the Flower Show in uniform that day will be admitted at half price.

To download the PHS Patch Program workbook, visit the PHS website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "All About Gardening."

2010 Flower Show Preview Party

Saturday, February 27

Join us as we celebrate the opening of the 2010 Flower Show, *Passport to the World*, at the Preview Party on **Saturday, February 27**. In addition to offering guests an elegant evening and an exclusive view of the Flower Show before it opens to the public, the Preview Party raises vital funds for PHS outreach efforts, including its acclaimed community greening program, Philadelphia Green.

This year the Preview Party will pay special tribute to PHS president Jane G. Pepper, who will retire in 2010. Subscriptions to the Preview Party, as well as contributions made in Jane's honor, will go toward *Legacy Landscapes*, the PHS endowment fund campaign to support maintenance of civic landscapes and selected community gardens.

Subscriptions for cocktails start at $325. Junior patron cocktail tickets (ages 35 and under) are $125. Dinner subscriptions begin at $350. **To request an invitation or for more information, please contact Ellen Wheeler at *ewheeler@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8830.**

Carl and Roberta Dranoff hosted a reception in October for the Preview Party Committee, which helps plan the black-tie event. Shown here, from top to bottom: PHS Council chair John Ball and his wife, Elinor; Preview Party Committee chair Roberta Dranoff and her husband, Carl; PHS president Jane G. Pepper; Flower Show Executive Committee member Barbara Meyers; and Prevew Party vice-chair Linda Galante.

Legacy Landscapes Endowment Campaign

The McLean Challenge supports Legacy Landscapes

Take advantage of the **McLean Challenge and help support *Legacy Landscapes***, the $12.1 million endowment fund campaign to raise maintenance funds for PHS civic landscapes and selected community gardens. To date the *Legacy Landscapes* campaign has raised more than $8 million, thanks in part to a generous challenge grant from the McLean Contributionship. This challenge grant matches cash receipts, stock gifts, and pledges from $2,500 to $25,000.

For more information about the McLean Challenge, please contact the Development office at 215-988-8800 or visit the PHS website and click on "Legacy Landscapes."

As of October 31, 2009, Legacy Landscapes *has raised:*

Total Gifts and Pledges:	$8,245,714
Total Deferred Gifts:	$ 41,436

PHS is grateful to all *Legacy Landscapes* contributors. Recent commitments have been made by:

Anonymous (2)
Elizabeth B. Farley
Julia W. Frick
Nathan and Marilyn Hayward
Philip and Karla R. Herr
W. Gresham O'Malley 3rd
The PoGo Family Foundation, Inc.,
as directed by Robin M. Potter and Peter G. Gould
Mrs. George E. Stewart
Margaret B. Wallis

An Interview with Legacy Landscapes *donors Marilyn and Nathan Hayward*

Much like eye color and dimpled chins, the "green gene" is something Marilyn and Nathan Hayward believe can be passed on through generations. Both husband and wife claim to have inherited the trait from their respective grandmothers, and they hope that their nature-loving sons are carriers as well.

Now, in conjunction with their very generous leadership-level gift to the PHS *Legacy Landscapes* campaign, the Haywards can pass on their love of gardening and horticulture to other families in the region.

"People from around the country—in fact, the world—see PHS as the absolute model when it comes to urban greening," says Marilyn. "It's the creative approach to working with neighborhoods and elected officials that has enabled PHS to dramatically change lives."

The Haywards also have made their contribution as a major tribute to PHS president Jane G. Pepper, who will retire in the spring of 2010. Nathan has known Jane for more than three decades and has witnessed how PHS has blossomed under her leadership.

"Jane has a remarkable collection of talents; chief among them is the ability to get to the issues and make things happen," Nathan says. "Marilyn and I think she's amazing in so many respects."

This high regard is why Nathan recruited Jane for the Board of Trustees at Longwood Gardens, in Kennett Square, PA, where he serves as president. He is also on the board of the Delaware Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and is a trustee for the Philadelphia-based Eisenhower Fellowships, Inc.

Marilyn has served on the Board of Managers of Wilmington's Mt. Cuba Center since its inception and is a long-time member of the Garden Club of Wilmington. Both Haywards are also very active with the Delaware Center for Horticulture, where last year Jane Pepper served as plant expert for the annual Rare Plant Auction. Nathan remarks, "Jane did a great job that evening under tough conditions. The bidding is very aggressive and normally polite, genteel people can behave a bit like fans at a soccer game!"

In short, the Haywards are proud to be part of the plant and gardening culture in this region. Marilyn says, "People from around the world want to learn from or become a part of the area's horticultural legacy. And the *Legacy Landscapes* campaign will help protect that."

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2009/2010 **PHS Annual Fund** and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

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Signature _____

Mail To: PHS Annual Fund, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

PHS Annual Fund

Gifts to the PHS Annual Fund provide unrestricted support for Philadelphia Green and help PHS carry out its mission *to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.*

This year, your gift to the Annual Fund could mean even more. The **Independence Foundation** has awarded PHS a challenge grant that **will match all new and increased gifts** to the PHS Annual Fund, making your contribution go even further. Please consider making a **100 percent tax-deductible year-end gift** to PHS to help us meet our goal and receive the matching funds from the Independence Foundation.

Please fill out and return the form on this page, or for more information, call 215-988-8800 or send an email to *giving@pennhort.org.*

Give the Gift of PHS Membership

This holiday season, consider giving your friends and family members the gift of PHS membership. "Membership in a Box" is a terrific holiday gift idea for the gardeners on your shopping list. Your gift membership will be sent with our exclusive lily mug and will include a personalized note to the recipient.

Any membership gift recipient at the Household or Leadership level will receive a one-time **$25 credit toward a purchase from White Flower Farm**, a family-owned mail-order nursery located in Connecticut.

Complete your gift by adding a PHS "**Planting Seeds. Growing Lives**" tote bag to your order. Great for use at the store, in the garden, or at the beach, these reusable canvas totes show your support for PHS. The cost is $10 per bag or three for $25 (includes shipping and handling).

Special Holiday Offer!

Purchase any Household gift membership and receive 10 percent off the regular membership fee. **This offer is valid only for new gift memberships and expires December 18, 2009.**

To order gift memberships and tote bags, please contact PHS Member Services at 215-988-8776 (8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday) or *memserv@pennhort.org*.

Renew Now to Receive 2010 Flower Show Tickets

Tickets for the 2010 Flower Show will be mailed in February. If your membership is due to expire within the next several months, we encourage you to renew your membership as early as possible to avoid delays in receiving your tickets. Renew your membership today by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-1622, or renew any time of day or night by visiting *PHSonline.org*; click on "Membership."

Because of the large number of memberships with upcoming expiration dates, PHS has partnered with **ComNet Marketing Group**, which will make phone calls on our behalf to assist with the renewal process. We encourage you to respond to our renewal reminders as early as possible. We greatly appreciate your assistance and continued interest in PHS!

Travel with Us

Visit the Gardens of Devon and Cornwall with Jane Pepper
April 18 – 28, 2010
WAIT LIST ONLY

This tour of England's western peninsula with Jane Pepper is currently full. However, if you would like to have your name placed on the waiting list, please contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818. Trip details are available on the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*.

Gardens in Maryland
June 7 – 10, 2010

For four days in June, PHS members will visit private gardens near Chestertown and Easton, Maryland, on the Eastern shore and across the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis. Many of the gardens have views of the rivers and creeks that are so numerous in the Chesapeake Bay area. We'll visit gardens created by the owners as well as gardens by famous designers. We'll be greeted by gardeners who share the joy of finding and collecting plants, and collect our own favorite plants in a well-known nursery before returning home. We will also sample some of the food for which the area is famous. We'll travel by bus from the Philadelphia area and enjoy overnight accommodations in Easton.

This trip will be led by Jean Lenehan of JL Tours and PHS staff member Chela Kleiber. **For more information, please contact Chela at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.**

An Interview with Jane Pepper

Jane Pepper has announced that she will retire in spring 2010 after nearly three decades as president of PHS. In this interview with PHS staff member Laura Hoover, Jane reflects on her career high points, special Flower Show moments, and her hopes for the future.

Question: What is your reason for leaving PHS?
At PHS, we live in strategic long-range plans, and I wanted to give the organization plenty of advance notice of my leaving. I figured age 65 would be a good time to retire, giving the PHS Executive Committee time to think about and plan the transition.

Q: What have been your proudest achievements at PHS?
One of the things of which I'm most proud is the way we've all worked together as a team. We have an amazing staff and an incredible group of volunteers. Watching these groups work with our exhibitors at the Flower Show and with our partners in the community is something that makes me happy every day.

Making the transition with the Flower Show from the Civic Center to the Pennsylvania Convention Center [in 1996] was a big change for us—and a great success. And this year, presenting the Flower Show as the Philadelphia International Flower Show is something that reflects the Show's growth in stature.

Watching the expansion of Philadelphia Green over the past 30 years also has been so satisfying. I'm very proud of how we expanded the program to include the transormation of our downtown areas, as well as our region.

Q: What were some of your most memorable Flower Shows?
One memorable Show was 1993. The theme that year celebrated Scotland, and my 10-year old niece and her mother came from Edinburgh for the last few days of set-up and stayed through Tuesday. By Friday night a major snow storm had settled over Philadelphia. We were determined to keep the Show open, but when city officials closed all transit systems and the roads on Saturday, we knew we had to close the Show. Quite a few of us "slept over" at a hotel across the street from the Civic Center. It was very distressing to see the exhibit halls empty over the weekend.

Another year, then-Show designer Ed Lindemann had created a cheerful, sunny marina at the foot of the escalator, complete with a boardwalk. Because of unforeseen construction problems, we barely finished the woodwork in time for the opening of the Members' Preview and had to wait until late Saturday night, after the Preview Dinner, to give the structure a coat of paint.

Q: Do you have a favorite day or moment during the Show?
I love the set-up phase of the Show, when all the creativity of our exhibitors is on display. From the smallest display to the big exhibits, there's just no telling what new concepts or plants they will be trying. For me it's like unwrapping a new gift every day for 10 days.

Q: What does Philadelphia still need from PHS?
We have 182 years of expertise, enthusiasm, and working together to make our city green and beautiful. Also, our programs and activities are very democratic. People can talk about a tomato in their blue jeans or in their evening gowns. I think we provide that opportunity for people to communicate across a topic, which often leads to other chances for them to work together.

Q: What do you plan to do after retiring? Will you continue your connection to PHS?
I very much hope so. I want to help make a smooth transition. I definitely plan to stay in the Philadelphia area. I love the city and I would like to play a role in helping our city flourish into the future. That's my goal.

Q: What are you most looking forward to in the 2010 Flower Show?
Passport to the World is going to be fabulous. Every time Sam Lemheney, our director of Show design, gives a presentation on the Show there's a new twist or a new concept, and there's so much still to come to dazzle our visitors. In fact, I understand there's even a secret garden planned to honor me!

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Workshop: Holiday Treasures from the Garden & Forest
Thursday, December 3, 10 am – 12 noon

Bring some green to your mantle or table for the holidays and learn the tricks of the florist trade from Meadowbrook Farm's volunteer coordinator **Diana K. Weiner**. She will demonstrate how to make roping, kissing balls, and fabulous wreaths from plants you may have in your own garden. Then you will create a boxwood topiary treasure that will last for months indoors. Topiaries are easy to make, and when treated properly may even "dry" to be used year-round with just a change in decoration. Space is limited; sign up early for this festive, hands-on event. Please bring hand pruners and gloves. **Limit 25. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

Workshop: Glass Bowl Terrarium
Thursday, January 14, 10 am – 12 noon

In the depths of winter, what could be better than to brighten your home with a lush, green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure requires special attention. But once assembled, your mini plant world is easy to care for, requiring minimal pruning and watering. Led by Meadowbrook horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan**, this hands-on workshop offers all the necessary ingredients, including a 10-inch glass bowl; soil and moss; and, of course, an assortment of small plants suitable for terrariums. **Limit: 20. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

Tour: Flower Show Behind the Scenes
Wednesday, February 17, 10 am – 12 noon

How do all those out-of-season plants bloom just in time for the Philadelphia International Flower Show? It's a combination of art and science, and it has its joys and challenges. The magic happens at Meadowbrook Farm. Join Meadowbrook director **John Story** on a tour through the greenhouses highlighting the unusual plants growing for displays at the 2010 Show, *Passport to the World* (February 28 – March 7). You will see them first at Meadowbrook and learn the fascinating, intricate details of this amazing horticultural balancing act. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Meadowbrook Farm grows many plants for the Flower Show.

PROGRAMS AT PHS

In keeping with the 2010 Flower Show theme, Passport to the World, *PHS offers a series of Brown-Bag Lunch programs featuring journeys to exotic lands. All programs begin at noon. Bring a brown-bag lunch; PHS will provide snacks and drinks. Fee: $5. Get a stamp for all you attend, and if you see them all, the last one is free!*

Brown-Bag Lunch: Traveling through Scottish Gardens with Jane Pepper
Wednesday, January 27, 12 noon, PHS Auditorium

PHS president Jane Pepper will share pictures and stories from the tour she took with PHS members last June to visit gardens in her native land. Their journey started south of Edinburgh in the rich, fertile country along the River Tweed, which forms the border between Scotland and England. Next they traveled to the Southwest, where

Fairnilee House and Gardens in the Borders region of Scotland

the annual rainfall is twice that of the East coast, a perfect environment for large evergreens and water gardens.

Jane lived in Edinburgh until she moved to the United States in the late 1960s. She joined PHS in 1979 and become CEO in 1981.

RESCHEDULED!
Brown-Bag Lunch: Burma—A Photographic Journey through the Lost Golden Land
Wednesday, January 13, 12 noon, PHS Auditorium

Penny Hansen's interest in photography has grown over the past five years, but a visit to India in 2007 turned her hobby into a passion. She revisited India later that year to participate in an intensive photographic workshop with a renowned *National Geographic* photographer, traveling throughout Rajasthan to photograph village life, tribal festivals, and a camel fair. Penny has spent the last two years expanding her creative skills and pursuing her goal of documenting the human condition wherever she finds it. She recently returned from a month-long photographic expedition to Myanmar (Burma), where she traveled extensively to remote areas accompanied by a fellow photographer.

Originally from a small village in Oxfordshire, England, Penny has lived in the Philadelphia area for almost 30 years. She serves on the PHS Council and Development Committee, and has served on the Flower Show Executive Committee.

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

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Name of guest (if any):_____

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Donation amount: _____ (select payment method above).

Education Programs

SAVE THE DATE
Brown-Bag Lunch: Southeast Asia
Thursday, February 11, 12 noon,
PHS Auditorium

PHS executive vice-president Blaine Bonham and Eva Ray, former PHS education director, will share stories and photos from their 2008 tour of Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Angkor Wat in Cambodia. Watch for more detail in the February/March *PHS News*.

Brown-Bag Lunch:
The Cultural Landscapes of Poland
Tuesday, February 16, 12 noon,
PHS Auditorum

Witamy! Join us for a midday journey to central Europe to explore the land of Kosciuszko, Chopin, and Walesa. Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak**, a native of Poland, and PHS landscape architect **Linda Walczak** will present this illustrated tour. A brief background of history and geography will set the context for a look at the transformation over time of Poland's cities, parks, landscapes, and gardens. From the ancient city of Gniezno to the green roof at Warsaw University, get ready for 1,000 years of Polish horticulture!

Photo by Przemek Walczak

Wilanów Palace Garden in Warsaw, Poland

FREE LECTURE SERIES

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor two multi-session courses: Fungi and Plants and Pollination Biology. These courses are free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration packet. ***To register, please call the Wagner Institute at 215-763-6529, ext. 23.***

Fungi and Plants
Wednesday, January 20; five Mondays, January 25 – February 22, 6:30 pm

The fungi constitute an entire kingdom of organisms, just as plants and animals do, but they are far less well-known. While perhaps 100,000 species of fungi have been named, compared with over 300,000 plant species, some experts have suggested that there may be 10 times more fungal species than plant species. Because there are so many different kinds of fungi, and many are microscopic, just identifying them is a challenge.

Taught by **Dr. Karen Snetselaar**, this course will look at a few groups of fungi that are particularly important to plants and to people interested in plants. It will cover fungi that promote plant growth as well as those that cause diseases.

Karen Snetselaar is professor and chair of biology at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She is a botanist whose research is focused on plant symbiosis and fungi and has published extensively in science journals. She has been teaching for the Wagner Institute since 1997.

Pollination Biology
Six Mondays, April 5 – May 10, 6:30 pm

Pollination evolved 360 million years ago with the evolution of seed plants and is ubiquitous in all landscapes dominated by them—almost all landscapes occupied by humans. This course, taught by Dr. Tatiana Livshultz, will survey the science of pollination biology including the discovery of plant pollination in the late seventeenth century; plant adaptations to animal pollination and how they evolve; the diversity of pollinating animals; the many ways that plants manipulate animals to achieve pollination (including false advertising); and the importance of pollination to human society.

Dr. Tatiana Livshultz has been assistant curator of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia since 2008. As curator of the Academy's herbaria, one of the oldest in North America, she develops databases of its holdings to facilitate access to its specimens. She also conducts research on plant evolution and development, with a focus on the milkweed and dogbane family.

PHS CITY GARDENING SERIES

The City Gardening Series is generously supported through a collaborative partnership with ***Chanticleer … A Pleasure Garden****, in Wayne, PA and friends groups of the Free Library of Philadelphia.* ***These events are free unless otherwise noted.*** *For more information visit our website at* PHSonline.org, *or contact Marilyn Reynolds at* citygardening@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8872.*

Holiday Flower Arranging
Tuesday, December 1, 7 – 8 pm
Fox Chase Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
501 Rhawn Street

New Gardening Demonstrations in the PHS Village at Flower Show

The PHS Village, located at the center of the Flower Show exhibition halls, will incorporate dynamic activities during the 2010 presentation, *Passport to the World*.

The exhibition space will offer a sampler of the wide range of PHS programs, highlighted by two demonstration gardens where visitors can learn how to plant vegetables, herbs, or shrubs; design a small-space or container garden; or find answers to their horticultural questions. The **PHS Gold Medal Plant** display will keep an honored space in the Village, showing examples of excellent, hardy trees and shrubs recommended by experts.

"The mini-demos and discussions will provide a place to interact around great gardening," explains PHS Education director Patricia James.

The Village will offer easy passage from the demonstrations to the Meadowbrook Store and an informative Membership Booth with prizes.

At the PHS Village, Flower Show visitors can learn about gardening, shop for plants and souvenirs, and join PHS or renew their memberships.

This year's Village will highlight the work of one of Philadelphia Green's innovative programs, City Harvest. The program trains prison inmates to plant and raise vegetable seedlings, which are then transplanted in community gardens. The resulting fresh produce is distributed to neighborhood food cupboards to feed under-served families. "Visitors to the Flower Show will learn how a small contribution can be amplified in a huge way," James says.

The new PHS Village will explain the interrelationship of PHS membership programs, Philadelphia Green, and Meadowbrook Farm—all branches of the same strong tree. "We want to engage people with PHS," says James. "Our message is: get involved with PHS all year!"

International Shopping and Sipping at the Flower Show

Located on the Show bridge directly across from the main exhibition hall entrance at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the **World Bazaar** will offer a bustling international market with a wide selection of clothing, arts, crafts, and other goods from around the world.

In the Grand Hall of the Convention Center, PA Wine and Spirits will create a "**Wine and Spirits Garden**" offering a vast selection for tasting and purchase each day.

On the exhibit floor in Hall A, the official **PHS Flower Show Shoppe** will stock one-of-a-kind garden gadgets and specialty items, plus commemorative Flower Show clothing and gifts. In Hall C, the **Marketplace** will showcase more than 150 vendors selling garden furniture, plant containers, hand-crafted jewelry, cut flowers, plants, garden tools, and more. **Present your current PHS membership card to receive a 10 percent discount at the Flower Show Shoppe and at some Marketplace vendor stands.**

For more information on all shopping at the Show, entertainment, educational workshops, and other attractions, visit ***theflowershow.com***.

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Garden Tea at the Philadelphia International Flower Show

Don't miss a chance to enjoy Garden Tea at the Flower Show. Seating is limited, so reserve your seats now!

February 28 through March 7
Two seatings daily: 12:30 – 2 pm & 3:45 – 5:15 pm
Admission: $28 per person.

Please note: the price of Tea does not include Flower Show admission. Flower Show admission is separate and is required to attend Garden Tea.

Make a reservation online at *theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8879.

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PHS Easier to Find Online

Good news! PHS now has a new, shorter, easier-to-type web address: *PHSonline.org*. And don't worry, if you have set up bookmarks, the old address will still take you to the PHS website.

Join PHS on Twitter!

PHS has two new Twitter pages, offering more ways to find answers to questions, learn about upcoming events, and pick up fresh gardening tips. Just sign on to *twitter.com* and look for the following pages in the "Find People" box:

PhilaFlowerShow is your home for the Philadelphia International Flower Show. Learn about the 2010 Show and get "behind-the-scenes" exhibitor stories, as well as tips for first-time visitors.

PHS_Gardening is PHS's online garden resource, offering plant and gardening tips, links to interesting news stories, and free horticultural advice.

The trick with Twitter, of course, is that every message is limited to 140 characters, so every thought, idea, and tip is short 'n' sweet. So think of some questions and come "tweet" with PHS today!

2009 Flower Show Wins Pinnacle Awards

The 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, *Bella Italia*, received six awards for excellence at an international convention of festival and special event organizers. The Flower Show was honored in a variety of categories, including a community outreach award for Philadelphia Green.

Presented by the International Festivals & Events Association, the awards competition draws entries from around the world. Winners were announced at the IFEA/Haas & Wilkerson Pinnacle Awards Ceremony held during the association's 54th annual convention in Boise, Idaho.

Last year's appearance of actor Danny DeVito, who signed hundreds of bottles of his limoncello for Flower Show guests, was cited as the most creative publicity stunt.

Children's programming at the Flower Show earned an award for the variety of educational opportunities and the Family Lounge, which offers activities and a place for children and parents to unwind during the Show.

Best Community Outreach Program (Philadelphia Green) – Gold
Best Full-Length TV Program – Gold
Best Organizational Website – Gold
Most Creative/Effective News Stunt – Silver
Best Children's Programming – Bronze
Best Pin – Bronze

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2010 Flower Show … A Feast for the Senses

The 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Passport to the World,* will be a multi-sensory extravaganza of fabulous gardens, new attractions, extraordinary talent, and exceptional tastes. In addition to the exquisite plantings, artful arrangements, and wealth of gardening information, an incredible line-up of attractions and performances will set the mood for your worldwide adventure.

Culinary demonstrations

The acoustic ensemble **One** will perform original compositions influenced by the classical and folk traditions of India during the **Members' Preview on February 27**. The group offers a fusion of the ancient and modern, featuring musicians on sitar, sarod, tabla, guitar, djembe, dumbeck and kanjira.

On the Explorer's Stage, Philadelphia's World Café Live will present daily **performances** of the sought-after Brazilian band **Minas**, who will bring its evocative brand of bossa nova jazz, sambas, and ballads to Show audiences. Minas draws on the multiple talents of Patricia King and Orlando Haddad. The husband-wife duo has performed at Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Mellon Jazz Festival, Academy of Music, and many other local and international venues. Minas will perform several sets on each day beginning at 11 am.

Evenings will be enlivened by a troupe of **Bollywood Dancers** led by renowned choreographer **Rujuta Vaidya**. Ruj, as she is known in India and beyond, choreographed the spectacular *Slumdog Millionaire* dance sequence for the 2009 Academy Awards. At the Flower Show, Ruj will lead a troupe of Bollywood dancers in evening performances from Monday through Saturday on the Explorer's Stage. Celebrated classical Indian dancer **Archana Joglekar**, an accomplished screen and stage performer, also will appear.

Looking for a gift … or a whole garden? Shoppers will find treasures in the official **PHS Flower Show Shoppe**, as well as enough gardening supplies to get any garden started from vendors throughout the bustling **Marketplace in Hall C**.

A short walk down the concourse outside of Exhibition Hall A will be a **World Bazaar** of craftspeople and products. This area, known as "the Bridge," is also a place to re-group and enjoy delectable treats from here and abroad in the new **Sweet Streets Dessert and Coffee Bar.**

The Show's "foody" experience continues with **Culinary demonstrations** offered daily in Room 204C, including appearances by famed Irish chef Noel McMeel; Carlo deMarco of Firecreek Restaurant in Downingtown, PA; and **Beth Kennett** of Cabot Dairy Farms, a green advocate and "agritourism" entrepreneur.

See the Flower Show before it opens to the public. Book an Early Morning Tour today! See page 2 for details.

Then, visitors can refresh and refuel in the magnificent **Grand Hall**, where **DiBruno Brothers** will provide cheeses and gourmet Italian foods to complement the superb wines, whiskeys, and liqueurs of the new **International Wine and Spirits Garden. PA Wine and Spirits** will offer free tastings of excellent labels from around the world in this expanded presentation with lots of **comfortable seating**.

Opportunities to learn about gardening abound at the Flower Show, and one favorite venue is the **Gardeners' Studio**, which offers informal demonstrations each day. Nearby, the **PHS Village** will feature a new hands-on gardening demonstration area where visitors can put their questions to local experts and take part in planting projects. Rounding out the roster of gardening experts are authors and celebrities who present their stories and talent daily in the **Lectures and Demonstrations** in rooms 201C and 201B.

For complete schedules of performances, demonstrations, and all special events at the Flower Show, please visit *theflowershow.com* or pick up a printed schedule at Show information booths.

Dancers will entertain Flower Show guests

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Feb. 28 - March 7, 2010
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12th & Arch Streets
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FLOWER SHOW INFORMATION
215-988-8899 (recorded information)
theflowershow.com

HOURS
Sundays, Feb. 28 & March 7, 8 am – 6 pm
Monday-Friday, March 1 – 5, 10 am – 9:30 pm
Saturday, March 6, 8 am – 9:30 pm

ADMISSION
ADULTS
Advance Tickets (*good any one day*)
Individual: $23*
Group (minimum 25 adult tickets): $22
Click and print at *theflowershow.com*

Tickets at the Door/General Admission:
Opening Day, Sunday, February 28: $28
Monday – Friday, March 1 – 5: $24
Saturday & Sunday, March 6 & 7: $26

STUDENTS & CHILDREN
Same price all days whether purchased in advance or at the door
Students (ages 17 – 24): $18**
Children (ages 2 – 16): $13

*Sales Outlets: Individual tickets are available at *theflowershow.com* or at participating PNC Bank Branches, AAA Mid-Atlantic, ACME Markets, Giant Food Stores, SEPTA ticket sales outlets, local garden centers, nurseries and florists. Check availability with individual outlets; service charges may apply.

**Student tickets are available at *theflowershow.com* and at the Flower Show Box Office. Must present valid ID and proof of age to receive student discount.

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The Meadowbrook Farm Store

The Meadowbrook Farm store returns to the Flower Show this year with an expanded presence and new offerings! See page 2 for details.

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Pepperpot: PHS People

In *PHS News* you find stories of exceptional people—people who have dedicated their time, their enthusiasm, and their resources to PHS. Of all the things that will remain with me after I retire, it will be this amazing community.

Hayward Ford, for example, who died in November and is remembered on page 3, was the standard bearer for participation in PHS as a leader in his garden, as a volunteer for Philadelphia Green, and as a PHS ambassador and Council member. A visit to Aspen Farms, the garden he created with neighbors, was a treat enjoyed not only by PHS members and supporters but also by groups from across the nation.

In this issue you will also read about two stars among our Flower Show volunteers, Charlotte Betancourt and Judy Davis, who are co-chairs of the 2010 Flower Show Infonet team. Charlotte and Judy have formed an unflappable co-chair duet that rolls with the punches as volunteer schedules change and other minor crises occur on the Show floor.

On the Development page you will learn about generous PHS donors, including those who have supported our *Legacy Landscapes* campaign. First in line for thanks are H. F. "Gerry" and Marguerite Lenfest, who led the charge with a wonderful challenge gift two years ago. Also pictured is Dodo Hamilton, a long-time, multi-blue-ribbon Flower Show winner and extraordinary PHS supporter. She hosted a very happy party in her greenhouse in December, making it possible for us to thank campaign donors personally.

Ruhi Roy was not present at Dodo's party, but I believe she is the youngest donor to our campaign. At age 10, Ruhi is making her first philanthropic gift by contributing her pocket money to join with other members of her family, Avik, Maitreyi (PHS vice president), and Mika, to make "Philadelphia prettier" as she put it in a note to me.

In the next issue of *PHS News*, you will read about Sylvia Lin, whose family has made a gift to PHS in honor of her 80th birthday. I first met Sylvia at the 1980 Flower Show when she was emerging as a leading exhibitor in the Horticourt with her beautiful ferns, begonias, and succulents. Over the years, Sylvia and I have spent many happy hours together, and she told me once that I had her permission to call her my "American" mom. I took it as a real compliment that she would adopt a daughter from Scotland, especially when she and her dear husband Paul already had five wonderful children of their own!

The people of PHS—our exhibitors, our volunteers and staff—are the best, and I am proud to know you all. Sometimes I may forget your names, but I will never forget all you do for PHS. Now … just keep doing it!

Rhe Pepper

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Expanded Meadowbrook Farm Store at Flower Show

If you have never visited Meadowbrook Farm, let Meadowbrook Farm come to you at the 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show. For the second year, staff and volunteers are setting up the Meadowbrook Farm Store, a shopper's paradise for all things garden-related.

"Although we can't bring everything from our sales yard and gift shop, the items for sale at the Flower Show are a representation of what we offer year-round," says Jessica Story, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm. "I hope everyone who comes to the Show will stop by and take a look."

The Meadowbrook Farm Store will be noticeably larger this year. The increased shelf-space will hold more plants, including many featured in Show exhibits. Some of Jessica's favorites include ever-blooming Brazilian candles, easy-to-grow succulents, and potted herbs. In addition to high-quality plants, garden supplies and gifts, such as watering cans and renewable-source Eco-pots, will be available.

If you can't wait until February 28 for your Flower Show fix, be sure to attend the Meadowbrook Farm "behind the scenes" tour on February 17 (see page 6 for details and a registration form). The guided tour, scheduled from 10 am to noon, reveals the level of skill required to make thousands of plants pop at precisely the right time for the Flower Show. Meadowbrook supplies specimens to several major exhibitors.

PHS is most grateful to all the volunteers who will make the Meadowbrook Farm Store a reality. Special thanks to co-chairs Margo Eremus and Sherrill Rowland.

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Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Flower Show Tours

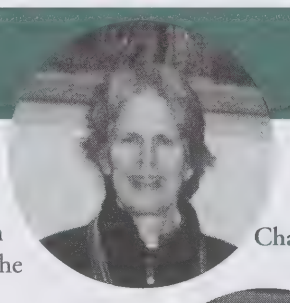
Book Your Early Morning Tour Today!

Early Morning Tours at the Philadelphia Flower Show are held from 8 to 10 am on weekday mornings, before the Show opens to the public. Groups are led by volunteer Flower Show guides. Participants also receive an extra Flower Show ticket for use during regular Show hours on another day. Tour participants are invited to use the PHS members' lounge throughout the day of their tour.

The tour cost is **$85 per person for PHS members and $105 for non-members**. Reservations (for individuals and groups) are required for all early morning tours; space is limited. For more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *earlymorningtours@pennhort.org*.

In the Spotlight

Charlotte Betancourt and Judith Davis



Charlotte

Judy

Charlotte Betancourt and Judith Davis are longtime friends who have known each other since their children were small. These days, they serve as co-chairs of the Flower Show's "Infonet" Committee.

The Infonet is a large group made up of lots of smaller committees. Its hardworking volunteers serve as Show floor ambassadors and Concourse ambassadors, work three information booths, help with traffic and parking, assist in the Show office, and much more. Judy and Charlotte's job is to select chairpersons for the various subcommittees and provide informative volunteer meetings throughout the year. During the Show, they serve as liaisons between the staff and volunteers and walk around the Show constantly and support their volunteers any way they can.

Charlotte's decision to become a volunteer and devote so much time to the Show has personal origins, as her husband Raul was a longtime Flower Show volunteer. "When he died in 1995 I thought, 'Okay, it's my turn now.' I've been here ever since," recalls Charlotte. "Now I love greeting visitors and spreading the word about the good work the Flower Show supports."

For her part, Judy first attended the Flower Show as a young newlywed in 1969. Years later on a lark, with encouragement from a neighbor, she entered a plant in the Flower Show, a *Sinningia regina*, and it won a blue ribbon. "After that I joined the Greene Countrie Garden Club and began exhibiting and volunteering through the club, and the rest is history." Judy volunteered in the Flower Show Shoppe for many years before joining the Infonet Committee.

"For me one of the most fun parts of the Show is being behind the scenes before it opens," says Judy. "I love seeing the piles of soil and mulch and watching the exhibitors turn it into a magical indoor garden."

Both women enjoy the social aspect of the Show—greeting fellow volunteers who come back year after year and getting to know other people who love to garden. "Each year is like a huge reunion," says Charlotte.

Philadelphia Green News

PHS Awarded $1.65 Million to Plant Trees

PHS has received $1.65 million from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to plant more than 8,000 trees in Philadelphia and surrounding communities.

The funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is part of a portfolio of green infrastructure projects encouraged by both federal and state government. PENNVEST serves communities by funding sewer, stormwater, and drinking-water projects, which help improve the commonwealth's environment and the health of its residents in addition to supporting economic growth and job creation.

The PHS project will plant trees throughout southeastern Pennsylvania to help alleviate flooding, manage stormwater, and protect sources of drinking water, as well as reduce the urban "heat island effect" and improve air quality. The trees also will enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods; studies show trees boost home prices and make commercial districts more viable.

"We are thrilled with the opportunity this PENNVEST award gives PHS and our partners to plant thousands of trees in our region," says PHS vice president Maitreyi Roy. "Each tree we plant will function as a powerful engine to improve our environment and provide beauty and shade in our communities, now and for future generations."

To carry out this massive planting effort, PHS will involve its network of trained Tree Tenders and will partner with other nonprofit organizations, county government, municipalities, and the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation.

The trees will be planted in three types of locations:

- 5,850 trees will go into "riparian buffer zones" (along waterways) to improve local ecosystems and enhance the quality of drinking water in the region. Partners will include Conservation District offices in Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery counties.
- 920 trees will be planted on public lands, mainly in municipal and neighborhood parks in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties.
- 1,260 trees will be planted along public streets in Philadelphia, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties.

Help Plant Trees in your Neighborhood

Come meet your neighbors, improve the environment, and enhance your community! PHS and volunteers have planted thousands of trees in Pennsylvania through **TreeVitalize**, a program launched by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Led by PHS in southeastern PA, TreeVitalize engages citizens in helping to restore Pennsylvania's tree canopy.

Volunteers are needed for community tree plantings, both in Philadelphia and in surrounding counties. **To find a planting near you, please visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "All About Trees."** The website features a map where you can find exact locations, dates, times, and contact information.

For more information, please contact Mindy Maslin at 215-988-8844 or *mmaslin@pennhort.org*.

Become a Tree Tender!

The **PHS Tree Tenders** project, in partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, offers nine hours of hands-on tree care training for Pennsylvania residents. The free training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working with your community.

Upcoming Tree Tenders classes:

Montgomery County
Thursdays, April 1, 8, & 15; 6 – 9 pm
Oak Lane Day School
137 Stenton Avenue
Blue Bell, PA

Delaware County
Tuesdays, April 13, 20 & 27; 6 – 9 pm
Llanerch Presbyterian Church
Lansdowne Road & East Park Road
Havertown, PA

Philadelphia
Wednesdays, May 5, 12, and 19; 5:45 – 8:45 pm
PHS
100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA

To register or for more information on Montgomery and Delaware county trainings, please contact Barley Van Clief at *bvanclief@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8793. For Philadelphia, contact Mindy Maslin at *mmaslin@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844.

Remembering Hayward Ford

Former PHS Council and Philadelphia Green Advisory Board chair Hayward Ford died on Sunday, November 1. Hayward was one of the founding members of Aspen Farms in West Philadelphia, one of the city's most successful and enduring community gardens.

"Hayward was the epitome of a leader—an innovator, organizer, teacher, host extraordinaire, and a true inspiration to everyone who had the pleasure and privilege to know him," says PHS executive vice president J. Blaine Bonham Jr.

Aspen Farms was created in 1975, with support from Philadelphia Green, on a plot of abandoned land at 49th and Aspen Streets. Hayward and his garden group shepherded the garden from a small eight-plot patch into a thriving community garden of more than 28,000 square feet with raised beds, a gazebo, three ponds, and a butterfly garden.

Over the years, Hayward Ford and Aspen Farms have been featured in newspaper articles, in *National Geographic* and *Landscape Architect* magazines, and on *Good Morning America*. Aspen Farms is included in the archives of the Garden Club of America at the Smithsonian Institution.

In recent years, Hayward helped bring new environmentally friendly features to the garden, including solar panels on the garden shed that power water pumps for the ponds and return surplus energy to the grid.

A tireless ambassador, not only for Aspen Farms, but also for community green spaces everywhere, Hayward served as a genial tour guide for the garden's many visitors. Under his leadership, the garden reached out to local schools and allowed them to use the site as an outdoor classroom.

Mr. Ford also served as president and treasurer of the Neighborhood Gardens Association, which preserved Aspen Farms in land trust in 2004 and has funded several major improvements at the garden. Says NGA's executive director Terry Mushovic, "Hayward had a larger-than-life persona that he used to promote the organizations he believed in."

Branching Out

PHS Staff Shares Expertise at National Conference

PHS staff members were invited to share their expertise at the annual conference of Keep America Beautiful (KAB) in Washington DC in December. As a partner to KAB, a national organization that promotes litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, and beautification, PHS provides greening workshops, publications, and online resources to more than 600 KAB affiliates across the country.

At the conference, PHS presenters led a workshop on building partnerships with volunteers, community organizations, and government agencies; provided one-on-one consultation to KAB affiliates; and distributed a PHS greening "Tool Kit." PHS will also host an educational program for KAB affiliates at the 2010 Philadelphia International Flower Show.

"PHS is a leader in improving the quality of life of people in Pennsylvania and throughout the country," says Matt McKenna, president and CEO of Keep America Beautiful. "The expertise shared at our National Conference by PHS staff and partners will make our network of affiliates even greater 'green' stewards of their respective communities."

Maitreyi Roy, PHS vice president for programs, says the conference was an important opportunity for PHS: "The KAB conference provided a national forum for PHS and a network of people eager for the kind of advice we can share—on horticulture, landscape design, and community engagement."

From left, KAB vice president Carrie Gallagher, Doris Gwaltney of Carroll Park Neighbors, PHS project manager Barley Van Clief, Barbara McCabe of the Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation, Philadelphia Green senior director Joan Reilly, PHS education director Patricia James, PHS project manager Mindy Maslin, and PHS vice-president Maitreyi Roy.

Growing the Future of PHS

Legacy Landscapes

PHS has reached an important milestone toward its $12.1 million goal for the *Legacy Landscapes* endowment fund campaign. PHS has raised $2 million from individual donors to match a $2 million challenge grant from Marguerite and H. F. "Gerry" Lenfest, bringing the campaign total to $8.5 million. The milestone was celebrated December 8 at the greenhouse of Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton in Wayne, Pa.

"The Lenfest Challenge, the first commitment to this campaign, was key in helping us move forward," said PHS president Jane G. Pepper as she thanked the Lenfests and all campaign donors. Former PHS Council chair Harry Hill thanked Dodo Hamilton for her generous campaign gift and for hosting the December celebration.

Launched in December 2007, the *Legacy Landscapes* campaign raises funds for the horticultural maintenance of some of the city's most treasured civic landscapes, gateways, and community gardens. The campaign has made great strides thanks to the Lenfest Challenge, as well as a $2 million donation from Mrs. Hamilton. An additional challenge grant of $200,000 from the McLean Contributionship matches gifts and pledges of $2,500 to $25,000.

PHS is committed to reaching its $12.1 million goal by spring 2010, in concert with the retirement of PHS president Jane Pepper, who will retire following the 2010 Flower Show.

The campaign celebration will continue at the **2010 Flower Show Preview Party on Saturday, February 27**. Individual and corporate donors can **honor Jane Pepper's legacy** by attending this elegant event, which will include a special celebration of her leadership. (For subscription information, please contact Ellen Wheeler at *ewheeler@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8830, or visit *PHSonline.org*.)

As of December 15, 2009, Legacy Landscapes has raised:

Total Gifts and Pledges: $8,529,748
Total Deferred Gifts: $41,436

PHS is grateful to all *Legacy Landscapes* contributors. Recent commitments have been made by:

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We extend our grateful thanks to the many other supporters of the *Legacy Landscapes* campaign.

From left, PHS Council member Harry E. Hill, Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest, Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton, PHS president Jane Pepper, and PHS Council chair John K. Ball

The PHS Annual Fund

Along with proceeds from the Philadelphia International Flower Show and membership dues, gifts to the PHS Annual Fund provide unrestricted support, allowing PHS to carry out its mission to *improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture*. Through its Philadelphia Green program, PHS supports community gardens, revitalizes neighborhood parks, organizes tree plantings, and cares for spectacular public landscapes throughout the city.

This year, your Annual Fund gift could mean even more. The **Independence Foundation** has awarded PHS a challenge grant that **will match all new and increased gifts made to the PHS Annual Fund**, making your contribution go even further. Please consider making a **100 percent tax-deductible gift** to PHS to help meet the goal and receive matching funds from the Independence Foundation.

To make your contribution, please visit our secure website at ***PHSonline.org*** and click on "**Give to the 2010 Annual Fund.**" Or mail your contribution to:

The PHS Annual Fund
The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Greener Giving: A Paperless Giving Program

Greener Giving allows you to **renew your gift to the Annual Fund automatically** with a credit card on the anniversary of your gift date, reducing the number of paper communications you receive from PHS about giving, while also reducing the carbon footprint of your gift. Greener Giving enables PHS to maximize your gift by putting resources directly into programs instead of toward printing and mailing costs. Please contact the Development office at *giving@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8800 with questions or to make your contribution over the phone.

Matching Gifts

If your employer has a matching gifts program, your gift to PHS could be doubled or tripled. Matching gift forms are generally available through your employer's human resources department. Please contact the Development office with any questions.

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Yes! I/we wish to support the 2010 **PHS Annual Fund** and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

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Mail To: PHS Annual Fund, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Save the Date! Azalea Garden Party

Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 5:30 pm

Celebrate the arrival of spring among hundreds of colorful spring-blooming shrubs at the annual party to raise funds for the Azalea Garden on **Wednesday, May 5**. Come out and experience the garden at its peak while enjoying Cinco de Mayo-themed festivities. The 2010 Azalea Garden party will be an early evening of food, fun, and activities for the whole family.

Need new garden attire for the party? On **Thursday, April 22, from 4 to 8 pm**, the **Lilly Pulitzer** store in King of Prussia will donate 10 percent of the afternoon's sales to PHS. There's no better time to stock up on all things Lilly, so be sure to mark your calendars!

1827 Society News

1827 Society Behind-the-Scenes Tour at the Flower Show

If you are a member of the 1827 Society, please join us on **February 26 at 11 am** for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Philadelphia International Flower Show. On the day before the judging starts, you'll get an exclusive look at the Show while exhibitors are still putting the final touches on displays. **Please contact Suzanne Betts at *sbetts@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8819 for more information about the tour or to join the 1827 Society.**

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Education Programs

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Tour: Flower Show Behind the Scenes
Wednesday, February 17, 10 am – 12 noon

How do all those out-of-season plants bloom just in time for the Philadelphia International Flower Show? It's a combination of art and science. The magic happens at Meadowbrook Farm. Join Meadowbrook director **John Story** on a tour through the greenhouses highlighting the unusual plants growing for the 2010 Show, *Passport to the World* (February 28 – March 7). You will learn the fascinating, intricate details of this amazing horticultural balancing act. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Divide and Conquer
Thursday, March 25, 10 am – 12 noon OR
Saturday, March 27, 10 am – 12 noon

Some of the best varieties you can plant this spring are right in front of you, just waiting to be increased in number. By propagating your own plants, you can get more plants for your own garden, give some away to friends, or share your favorites with PHS members at the PHS Plant Dividend at Members' Day this fall. Meadowbrook Farm director **John Story** will show different types of root systems and explain which have to be divided, which plants you can layer, and how to propagate both common and unusual perennials. This course will turn the apprehension of propagation into a delight of discovery. Participants will receive hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. Please indicate which date you prefer. **Limit 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Demonstration: Alpine and Rock Gardening Basics
Thursday, April 1, 10 am – 12 noon

Do you have a spot off your patio or on a sunny slope that cries out for a niche garden? Meadowbrook Farm alpine and rock gardening expert **Bernard Pettit** will show you how to create this special garden from the ground up. Learn what alpine plants require to thrive. Bernard will also show you how to create a moveable rock garden by demonstrating how to plant an alpine trough. Each participant will receive a starter plant to take home, and many varieties will be available for purchase. **Limit: 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Demonstration: Veggies 101– Your Home Vegetable Garden
Thursday, April 8, 10 am – 12 noon

Grow local, eat local! It's time to plant your own vegetable garden. This workshop will address how to plan a garden and get started in a sunny area of your yard. Meadowbrook Farm horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan** will discuss varieties of plants, best sowing times, fertilization, and insect and disease controls using both traditional and organic practices. There will be plenty of useful information for experienced vegetable gardeners as well. Enjoy succulent tomatoes and squash picked fresh from your own garden this summer! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walking Demonstration: Gardening in Tough Spots
Thursday, April 15, 10 am – 12 noon

Every garden has its problem spots! Do you struggle getting plants to grow in dry shade, heavy soil, scorching sun, wet areas, or "dead zones?" Meadowbrook Farm head gardener **Glenn Ashton** will share his secrets for meeting these and other challenges. He'll help you choose the right plants for the right spots so you can work with your environment rather than against it. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: No Dig, No Till, No Kidding
Thursday, April 22, 10 am – 12 noon

There is a suburban greening revival going on in Abington Township, PA, and it can be seen at schools, at township pools, around signs, and in small parks. It started with a hope of beautifying tired municipal parks and has grown to encompass much more. And the best part: it involves no digging or tilling, just a unique method of using everyday household paper products and free compost to quickly make garden beds. Meadowbrook Farm volunteer coordinator **Diana K. Weiner** will introduce you to Everyone Can Garden™ and guide you through picking the right plants for your site. Homeowners and project leaders alike will love this easy way to create a garden in a day! **Limit: 30. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PHS PROGRAMS AT PHS

In keeping with the 2010 Flower Show theme, Passport to the World, *PHS offers a series of Brown-Bag Lunch programs featuring journeys to exotic lands. All programs begin at noon. Bring a lunch; PHS will provide snacks and drinks.*

Brown-Bag Lunch: Southeast Asia
Thursday, February 11, 12 noon
PHS Auditorium

PHS executive vice-president **Blaine Bonham** and **Eva Ray**, former PHS education director, will share stories and photos from their 2008 tour of Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Angkor Wat in Cambodia. Along with their partners Rick Spitzborg and Suresh Ghosh, Blaine and Eva spent more than a year planning an interesting, comfortable trip. None of them anticipated the exciting adventures they would experience—including a border crossing by dinghy, slipping down muddy banks to board boats, a two-day chilly but spectacular trip down the Mekong River, arrival by boat at the ancient capital of Luang Prabang in Laos, and travelling on non-existent roads to see the once-a-week market of the Hmong near the Chinese border. Join us as they share the sights and stories from this trip of a lifetime. **Fee: $5.**

Brown-Bag Lunch: The Cultural Landscapes of Poland
Tuesday, February 16, 12 noon
PHS Auditorum

Witamy! Join us for a midday journey to central Europe to explore the land of Kosciuszko, Chopin, and Walesa. Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak**, a native of Poland, and PHS landscape architect **Linda Walczak** will present this illustrated tour. A brief background of history and geography will set the context for a look at the transformation over time of Poland's cities, parks, landscapes, and gardens. From the ancient city of Gniezno to the green roof at Warsaw University, get ready for 1,000 years of Polish horticulture! **Fee: $5.**

Workshop: Painting Flowers and Plants with Watercolor
Eight Tuesdays: March 16 – May 4, 10 am – 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor or have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, exercises to create form and dimensionality, and discussion of brushes and paper. It is necessary to attend the first session of this eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. **Limit: 15. Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.**

Evening Lecture: The Solitude— A Celebration 225 Years in the Making
Tuesday, April 13, 6 pm

In 1784 John Penn, grandson of William Penn, constructed the Solitude, a Philadelphia country retreat now located at the heart of the Philadelphia Zoo. Raised in England on an estate landscaped by Lancelot "Capability" Brown, Penn developed his Schuylkill River villa in the mid-eighteenth century English tradition. In 1788 Penn returned to England, where he engaged Humphry Repton to update his family estate to incorporate then-current design notions and his Philadelphia experience. **Robin M. Potter** and **Arleen Dascola** will discuss the artistic and horticultural trends that influenced Penn's house and grounds, as well as the Solitude's restoration and the garden renovation underway today.

Garden educator and designer Robin Potter developed the landscape design for the renovation of the gardens at the Solitude and oversees their implementation. Trained at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation, she is a Camden County Master Gardener. Arleen Dascola is a long-time

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

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docent at the Philadelphia Zoo, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rodin Museum. An early member of the Friends of the Solitude and former art teacher, she leads the Zoo's art and architecture tours.

The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception in the PHS McLean Library, where some of the reference materials used by Robin Potter will be on display. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Free Lecture Series

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor a multi-session course, Pollination Biology. The course is free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration packet. ***To register, please call the Wagner Institute at 215-763-6529, ext. 23.***

Pollination Biology
Six Mondays, April 5 – May 10, 6:30 pm

Pollination evolved 360 million years ago with the evolution of seed plants and is ubiquitous in all landscapes dominated by them—almost all landscapes occupied by humans. This course, taught by **Dr. Tatiana Livshultz**, will survey the science of pollination biology including the discovery of plant pollination in the late seventeenth century; plant adaptations to animal pollination and how they evolve; the diversity of pollinating animals; the many ways that plants manipulate animals to achieve pollination (including false advertising); and the importance of pollination to human society.

Dr. Tatiana Livshultz is assistant curator of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. As curator of the Academy's herbaria, one of the oldest in North America, she develops databases of its holdings to facilitate access to its specimens. She also conducts research on plant evolution and development, with a focus on the milkweed and dogbane family.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Walk: Early Spring Bulbs
Wednesday, April 14, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk, classroom discussion, and slide lecture will explore the cheerful, seasonal flowers of spring: Dutch bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald** will focus on the most rewarding spring-blooming bulbs, those that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Cool Containers—
Exciting Plant Combinations for Early Spring
Thursday, April 15, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Most gardeners get itchy for bit of green and color in early spring. But does the threat of severe temperature changes frighten you away from planting early containers? With a little creativity, there can be far more in your early-spring pots than just pansies. Cold-tolerant annuals, bulbs, cut branches, perennials, and woody plants make dynamic combinations that stand up to changeable weather. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will offer ideas and inspiration during this demonstration, discussion, and tour of the early-season containers at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs
Wednesday, April 21, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will discuss all aspects of pruning garden shrubs and demonstrate basic techniques. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

EVENING LECTURE & TOUR, AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
Franklin Hall, 427 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA

Charles Darwin the Experimental Botanist, by Karen Snetselaar
Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 pm

Charles Darwin is recognized worldwide for developing and disseminating ideas on evolution and natural selection, but his work as an experimental scientist is less well known. **Dr. Karen Snetselaar** will discuss Darwin's role as a botanist who carried out a number of elegant experiments aimed at understanding wide-ranging topics, such as plant movement in response to light, mechanisms by which plants prevent self-fertilization, and responses of insectivorous plants to different food sources. This talk will describe some of these botanical experiments and their impact on later plant biologists.

Dr. Karen Snetselaar is professor and chair of biology at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She is a botanist whose research is focused on plant symbiosis and fungi and has published extensively in science journals.

Following the lecture, American Philosophical Society director and curator **Sue Ann Prince** will offer a tour of the APS Museum's current exhibition, *Dialogues with Darwin*. It traces the history of Darwin's theory of evolution through natural selection, beginning prior to the 1830s, when Darwin jotted down his first thoughts about evolution, and continuing into the 1940s, when his theory was accepted as the basis for all life sciences. The exhibit is in Philosophical Hall, 104 South Fifth Street, and will be open at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served after the tour. **Fee: $10 PHS and Friends of the APS, $20 non-members.**

2010 PHS GARDEN VISITS
Media & Swarthmore, PA: Sunday, May 2
A Day in the Country—Pottstown to Boyertown: Sunday, May 16

The 2010 PHS Garden Visits will spotlight exceptional gardens in the Media/Swarthmore and Boyertown/Pottstown areas of Pennsylvania. Exclusively for PHS members and their guests, these self-guided tours run from **12 noon to 5 pm**. Please note: pre-registration is required by April 23 for the Media/Swarthmore visit and May 7 for Boyertown/Pottstown. **Fee: $15 members, $30 for guests of PHS members.**

Please use the form on page 6 to sign up. Directions and a map will be sent a week or two in advance of the garden visit. For more information, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *programreg@pennhort.org*.

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS
Monthly third Tuesday, April through October, 5 – 6 pm
2301 Market St., Philadelphia

Want to learn about exciting "green roof" technology? PHS will lead tours of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters on the third Tuesday of the month, April through October. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, and pre-registration at least two days before the tour is required. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Fee: $5 PHS members, $10 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE
140 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA

Evening Lecture: A Garden Well Placed—
A Designer's Harmony between House and Garden, by Xa Tollemache
Monday, April 12, 6:30 pm

Award-winning garden designer **Xa Tollemache** has been creating gardens since 1996, and each of her projects has its own character. She feels passionately that every garden must relate to the particular landscape and architecture of its house, as well as to the people living there. Lady Tollemache will illustrate some of the very different northern and southern British gardens she has designed using scale, proportion, a balance of planting, and keen senses of form and color. Her projects range from small courtyard gardens to large estates and include the Millennium Garden at Castle Hill in Devon (which PHS members will visit in April); work for Lord and Lady Astor at their homes in Oxfordshire, Northumberland, and Belgravia; an internal courtyard garden at Wilton House for the Earl of Pembroke; and a walled kitchen garden at Arundel Castle for the Duchess of Norfolk; as well as the extraordinary garden at the Tollemache family estate, Helmingham Hall in Suffolk.

Xa has completed many garden design commissions in Britain, France, Italy, and America. She won a gold medal for her display, The Evening Standard Garden, at the 1997 Chelsea Flower Show and took silver gilt medals at Chelsea in 2001 and 2003. Her work has been featured in many publications, including *House & Garden*, *The Telegraph Saturday* magazine, *Sunday Telegraph* magazine, and the *Mail on Sunday YOU*.

The lecture will be preceded by a cash-bar reception at 6 pm and followed by an optional dinner. Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by April 9. Co-sponsored by the Union League of Philadelphia. **Fee: lecture only, $25 PHS members and Union League members, $30 non-members. Lecture and dinner: $60 members and guests.** Registration required through the Royal Oak Foundation. **Please visit *royal-oak.org/lecture.html* or call Robert Dennis at 212-480-2889, ext. 201.**

CONFERENCE AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, AMBLER, PA
The Learning Center at Temple Ambler

Farm Faithfully, Garden Gratefully: Progressive Women and their Influence in the Landscape 1900-1940
Saturday, March 13, 8 am – 4 pm

This one-day conference, held in conjunction with the Ambler Arboretum of Temple University, will highlight the role of women in designing and maintaining landscapes during the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Speakers will include **Judith Tankard**, author of a new book on Beatrix Farrand; landscape architect **CeCe Haydock** on the Europhile influence of Edith Wharton; **Elaine Weiss**, author of *Fruits of Victory*, a book about the Women's Land Army in World War I; **Marta McDowell** speaking on influential women from New Jersey; and **Jenny Rose Carey**, Ambler Arboretum director, who will discuss important Philadelphians. The day will conclude with a formal Tea hosted by the Ambler Keystone Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, along with a surprise guest. To request a brochure, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or Jenny Rose Carey at 267-468-8400. **FEE: $95 if you register by February 12; $115 after February 12.**

McLean Library Exhibit

Twentieth-Century Women in Landscape and Horticulture
March 16 – June 15

This exhibit examines the roles women played in landscape design and horticulture in the twentieth century. It dovetails with a March 13 conference held at Temple University Ambler, "Farm Faithfully, Garden Gratefully: Progressive Women and their Influence in the Landscape 1900 – 1940" (see this page for details). The exhibit will include material from the PHS McLean Library archives. Library hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

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Members' Tips for the Flower Show

2010 Flower Show Members' Preview
Saturday, February 27, 12 noon – 3:30 pm

The Flower Show Members' Preview will be held on Saturday, February 27, from noon to 3:30 pm. Members at HOUSEHOLD or LEADERSHIP levels may use their Flower Show tickets to attend either the Members' Preview or anytime during public hours. SUBSCRIBER or ASSOCIATE members may upgrade their membership to attend the Members' Preview; contact Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832.

You can also visit the **Membership Sales & Will Call Booth** on the West Concourse of the PA Convention Center (12th & Arch Streets) for renewals, upgrades, or for assistance with any membership-related issue. PHS staff will be in the booth on Saturday, February 27 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Members can purchase additional tickets for **guests** to attend the Members' Preview ($70 adult/$30 child). Tickets can be purchased at PHS until Thursday, February 25 or at the Membership Sales & Will Call Booth.

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Please note: Tickets to the 2010 Flower Show were mailed to members recently. If you have questions regarding your Flower Show tickets, please contact Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832.

Membership Renewals

There is still time to **renew** your membership and receive tickets to this year's Flower Show! Renew online at *PHSonline.org* (click on "Membership") or call Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832.

You may also renew or upgrade your membership at the Membership Sales & Will Call Booth at the Convention Center, located on the West Concourse (12th & Arch Streets).

Membership Sales & Will Call Booth hours:

Saturday, February 27	10 am – 2 pm
Sunday, February 28 & March 7	7 am – 5 pm
Monday – Friday, March 1 – 5	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Saturday, March 6	7 am – 8:30 pm

You can also renew your membership in the East Concourse (12th & Arch Streets, east side) during the following hours:

Sunday, February 28 – 8 am to 1 pm
Saturday, March 6 – 8 am to 1 pm
Sunday, March 7 – 8 am to 1 pm

If your membership expires in April or May 2010, visit the **Membership Booth in the PHS Village at the Flower Show** to renew your membership and receive tickets to the 2011 Flower Show.

Travel with Us

Gardens in Maryland
June 7 – 10

For four days in June, PHS members will visit private gardens near Chestertown and Easton, Maryland, on the Eastern shore and across the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis. Many of the gardens have views of the rivers and creeks that are so numerous in the Chesapeake Bay area. We'll visit gardens created by the owners as well as gardens by famous designers. We'll be greeted by gardeners who share the joy of finding and collecting plants, and collect our own favorite plants in a well-known nursery before returning home. We will also sample some of the food for which the area is famous. We'll travel by bus from the Philadelphia area and enjoy overnight accommodations in Easton.

This trip will be led by Jean Lenehan of JL Tours and PHS staff member Chela Kleiber. **For more information, please contact Chela at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.**

SAVE THE DATE: PHS Kids Grow Expo

The 2010 PHS Kids Grow Expo will take place on Friday, April 23, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm on the campus of Temple University Ambler. This fun, educational event draws schoolchildren from all over the region and is held in conjunction with Temple's "Earth Fest" celebration. For more information, visit *PHSonline.org* or contact Flossie Narducci or 215-988-8897.

Garden Tea at the Philadelphia International Flower Show

Don't miss a chance to enjoy Garden Tea at the Flower Show. Seating is limited, so reserve your seats now!

February 28 through March 7
Two seatings daily: 12:30 – 2 pm & 3:45 – 5:15 pm
Admission: $28 per person.

Please note: the price of Tea does not include Flower Show admission. Flower Show admission is separate and is required to attend Garden Tea.

Make a reservation online at *theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8879.

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Drew Becher Becomes 36th President of PHS

The PHS Council announced in February that it had approved the recommendation of the PHS Executive Committee to appoint Drew Becher as President-Elect of PHS. A resident of Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill neighborhood, Becher is former leader of the highly regarded New York Restoration Project (NYRP) founded by Bette Midler.

During his four-year tenure as NYRP's executive director, Becher spearheaded New York City's successful MillionTreesNYC greening initiative, resulting in the planting of more than 310,000 trees. He raised millions in revenue for capital projects and revamped environmental education programs for more than 10,000 children in underserved communities.

When Jane G. Pepper announced last year that she would retire on June 1, 2010, the PHS Council appointed a committee to search locally and nationally for a new president.

"PHS is extremely fortunate to have found an individual of Drew's caliber and track record," said PHS Council chair John K. Ball. "His remarkable leadership, experience, and devotion to urban greening make him a perfect fit for our organization, which has been dedicated since 1827 to preserving and enhancing the Greater Philadelphia region's natural environment. Drew will be an excellent leader for the region's green future."

Becher previously served as Washington, DC's deputy director of the Office of Planning from 2004 to 2006 and was chief of staff for the Chicago Park District from 1996 to 2004, helping to forge Mayor Richard Daley's acclaimed environmental agenda, which contributed to Chicago's recent placement on the *Forbes* list of the world's most beautiful cities.

"Many of the practices implemented in the cities where I've worked were modeled after Philadelphia Green," Becher said. "PHS is the top of the game in my field, and I couldn't be more excited to be coming to Philadelphia and to such a dynamic organization. Jane Pepper is respected throughout the United States and beyond, and I am honored to have the opportunity to build on her accomplishments at PHS."

Pepper, whose work at PHS began as a volunteer at the 1976 Flower Show, became executive director in 1981 and president in 1985. During her tenure, the membership has doubled to 16,000, and the staff has grown from 28 to more than 100. Pepper's ability to attract support for PHS has resulted in partnerships with city and state governments, corporations, and greening organizations in the region and across the country.

"My years here at PHS have been a wonderful, satisfying experience," Jane remarked. "I am very proud of the work our staff and amazing volunteers have accomplished in the expansion of Philadelphia Green in the neighborhoods and downtown landscapes, in the growth of our yearly exhibition into the Philadelphia International Flower Show, and in the valued partnerships we have formed. I am confident that Drew will help grow these programs and lead PHS in important new directions in the years ahead."

Jane G. Pepper with President-Elect Drew Becher

If you would like to contact Drew Becher at PHS, please send your thoughts and questions to *dbecher@pennhort.org*.

PHS Helps Connect Philadelphians to the Delaware Riverfront

PHS is playing a key role in a major initiative to help create new public green spaces and easier access to the Delaware riverfront.

In 2006-07, Penn Praxis of the University of Pennsylvania School of Design led an extensive civic engagement effort involving more than 4,000 Philadelphians to gather ideas for the riverfront.

Their input is reflected in the "Civic Vision for the Central Delaware," a thirty-year planning road map for the riverfront from Oregon Avenue in the south to Allegheny Avenue in the north. The Civic Vision calls for better public access to the river, new parks, a recreational trail, a streetcar line along Columbus Boulevard, and a 100-foot greenway to protect the shoreline. The recreational trail is already in the works.

"Civic engagement is critical for the success of this project," says Harris Steinberg, executive director of Penn Praxis. "PHS's ongoing work will help ensure that the robust citizen participation that formed the foundation of the Civic Vision will be carried forward during the implementation phase and beyond."

The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC), which oversees riverfront development, recently selected a team of professionals to create a master plan for the Central Delaware, using the Civic Vision as a base. Funded by the William Penn Foundation, the master plan will set forth concrete land-use, zoning, and transportation guidelines to make the vision a reality. (For more information, visit *delawareriverwaterfrontcorp.com*.)

PHS plays a leading role in community engagement regarding riverfront development. In the Fishtown neighborhood, PHS worked with neighbors to generate ideas for a master plan for historic **Penn Treaty Park**. Contingent upon funding, the proposed plan includes a rain garden, a picnic grove, a restored wetland, and boat launch. PHS has worked with Friends of Penn Treaty Park, a group of neighborhood volunteers, for several years to revitalize the park, which boasts stunning views of the river. The upcoming 2nd annual Shad Fest (see page 3) offers a great opportunity to visit this little-known gem on the Delaware.

Another exciting project is the **Race Street Pier Park**, a brand new park that will be built on an unused pier at the end of Race Street near the Ben Franklin Bridge. PHS led citizen forums to solicit input on what the new park should look like. Attendees were able to review and vote on three potential plans. The park is being designed by the New York-based firm Field Operations and incorporates a raised viewing area and a lower section with a lawn, amphitheater for events, and an observation deck.

A rendering of the new park at Race Street Pier

Field Operations

Farther south, plans are underway to create a **natural wetland and small park** off Washington Avenue, where the dilapidated Pier 53 now stands. "Recent research has determined that this section of the river is important for fish spawning and freshwater mussel habitat," explains PHS's Amanda Benner. "It will be a peaceful rest-stop for cyclists on the new bike trail." Once again, PHS will reach out to engage and educate residents and potential park users and will help form a local friends group to care for the park going forward.

In addition, PHS landscape architects are working on green "**connector streets**" at key access points including Race Street. These connectors will offer friendlier pedestrian access to the river and will include street trees, public art, and improved lighting. Another link will be Columbia

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Pepperpot: Parting Thoughts

This is one of those bittersweet times in life, when my thoughts and emotions are a jumble of happy and sad. High on the happy side, I am very pleased to welcome Drew Becher, who joined PHS as president-elect in early March and will take over as president when I leave in late May.

I know Drew will be working with great people. PHS has a wonderful team of staff and volunteers, and the blend of their skills and understanding of PHS and its mission with Drew's enthusiasm for PHS and his experiences with allied organizations in Chicago, Washington, DC, and New York will be dynamic.

On the sad side, I will miss the interaction with all those who have crossed my path at PHS. There's nothing quite like working on a PHS project, be it the Flower Show, a Philadelphia Green planting, or Members' Day—to name just a few—with the PHS "gang."

Many of you have been good enough to ask what I will do with "all my free time." First and foremost, I plan to stay in this area (some thought I might return to my native Scotland) and continue with many community activities I have enjoyed for several years, as well as embark on new pursuits.

With PHS, I plan to run a tour each year to gardens in the UK with Ann and Colin Senior, who have planned excellent tours for PHS members since 2005. (In June 2011 we will visit gardens in Gloucestershire.) I will continue as a Trustee of Longwood Gardens and board member of Fox Chase Cancer Center and the First Hospital Foundation, as well as chairing the Selections Committee for the Eisenhower Fellowships Philadelphia International Leadership Initiative.

I have been pleased to accept wonderful invitations to join the boards of the American Public Gardens Association, the Natural Lands Trust, and the University of Pennsylvania Press and to serve as a co-chair for the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia's *World Class Greater Philadelphia Initiative*. In addition, I have signed on as an "apprentice" with WRTI's *Creatively Speaking*, a weekly radio program that offers a great opportunity for me to stay connected to the arts in Philadelphia.

Finally, "life after PHS" will definitely include more time with Angus and Paris, my poodles, and also more time to ride my bike, sometimes in Delaware County and at other times in far corners of the world.

My grateful thanks to everyone connected to PHS who have made my career such a marvelous experience. My love to you all as you continue the work of this extraordinary organization.

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What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Spring Open House

Glorious flowers abound at Meadowbrook Farm. Whether it's in the gardens or available for purchase in the sales yard, there is beauty to behold everywhere you look!

See these stunning plants firsthand at the **Spring Open House on Saturday, May 1 from 10 am to 5 pm**. The event is free and open to the public, and festivities include self-guided tours of the house and gardens, tasty refreshments, and chances to win great prizes. Meadowbrook Farm has an engaging children's activity lined up for the little ones as well.

For shoppers planning to add life to their garden or color to their home, Meadowbrook offers a vast selection of plants, including spring favorites like petunias, geraniums, and impatiens. The Open House is also a great opportunity to pick up gifts such as ceramics, jewelry, beauty products, and indoor and outdoor decorations. As always, PHS members receive a 10 percent discount.

For information and a complete schedule of events at Meadowbrook, visit *gotomeadowbrook.com* or call 215-887-5900.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *gotomeadowbrook.com*
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Bouquets to our Flower Show Volunteers

PHS extends its gratitude to the 3,500-plus Flower Show volunteers who help make this major event possible. These wonderful hard-working people, many of whom come back year after year, do everything from greeting guests and assisting judges to giving informative lectures and directing traffic. A big "Thank You" from PHS! For information on how to become a volunteer, please call 215-988-8800.

Diane Mateson, Elaine McGrew, and Susan McCune (left to right) were among the volunteers at the 2010 Flower Show.

In the Spotlight

Pam Snyder

When she was a student teacher at the W. B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences, Pam Snyder decided to get her students involved in the PHS Kids Grow Expo (known then as the Junior Flower Show). Thirty years later, she's still at it—a long-time teacher at Saul and still a regular at Kids Grow Expo.

A full-day event that features horticultural activities and environmental education, Kids Grow Expo is a natural venue for students from Saul, the largest agricultural high school in America. Students at Saul study landscaping, greenhouse management, animal science, and food science along with standard high-school fare. Pam currently teaches classes in retail floristry at Saul, located in Philadelphia's Roxborough section, and serves as a "teacher-leader" for the 15-person agriculture department.

Pam and her kids have become fixtures at Kids Grow Expo, held each April at Temple University's Ambler campus. They not only enter their own creations in the horticultural and artistic competitions, but they also run activity stations and serve as tour guides for younger children.

"Being teenagers, my students spend a lot of time trying to act 'cool,'" Pam observes. "But they get so excited about winning a prize at the Expo; it's nice to see." She likes having the Expo at Temple Ambler, with its strong emphasis on horticulture and landscape design. "It gives the students a wider scope of possibilities for future careers," she says.

Outside of school, Pam has become an active volunteer for PHS. For the past five years she has served as chair of the Kids Grow Expo Committee. Beginning in November, Pam and the other committee members help PHS's Flossie Narducci plan the event and choose titles for the competitive categories. She helps with set-up and, along with Flossie, presents the awards. She is also a member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board.

Pam firmly believes in the importance of environmental education, particularly in urban areas where many students lack access to the natural world, and she thinks Kids Grow Expo has an added advantage: "I think it's so important to have that element of creativity and self-expression. It's a great way to get kids interested and spread the word about horticulture and plants."

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The Kids Grow Expo will take place on April 23 on the Ambler campus of Temple University in conjunction with Temple's EarthFest event. See page 5 for details.

Delaware Riverfront *(continued)*

Avenue, connecting Penn Treaty Park to the Fishtown and Kensington neighborhoods, where PHS is working with the New Kensington Community Development Corporation on "Sustainable 19125," a neighborhood-wide initiative.

"As development pressures increase along the Delaware Riverfront, it is crucial to act now to invest in open space and recreational amenities that will enhance the quality of life for Philadelphians while creating world-class attractions for visitors to our city," says Joan Reilly, senior director of Philadelphia Green. "There are many pieces of the puzzle, and fortunately, several key organizations, residents, businesses, and city government are all working together to make it happen."

New PHS RiverTalk AudioTour and Upcoming Riverfront Events

Produced by PHS, the RiverTalk audio tour is a free cell-phone tour of Delaware River landmarks. Listen for clues that will help you learn about Philly's waterfront gems such as Petty's Island, Penn Treaty Park, West Shipyard, and the Wood Street Steps. Visit *rivertalk.org* for more info.

PHS Young Friends Duck Boat Tour

Tuesday, April 20, 5:30 – 7 pm

Join PHS Young Friends to explore the city by duck boat! Take a ride though the streets of Philadelphia into the waters of the Delaware to learn about PHS's work on the Delaware River; including RiverTalk, the new free cell-phone tour. Pick-up and drop-off will be at the Standard Tap, 901 N. 2nd St. Join us for a post-tour happy hour at the Standard with complimentary munchies. **Space is limited; RSVP to Allison Burkhart at *aburkhart@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1628 by April 13.** For more about PHS Young Friends, a group of PHS affiliates ages 40 and under, email *youngfriends@pennhort.org*.

2010 Fishtown Shad Fest

Saturday, April 24, 11am – 6 pm
Penn Treaty Park
Delaware and Columbia avenues
Information: *fishtownshadfest.org*

Organized by the Fishtown Business Association and co-sponsored by PHS, Shad Fest celebrates the historic role of the shad fish. The Fishtown neighborhood, which borders the Delaware River, relied on this fish for economic sustenance from colonial times up through the first World War. Attended by more than 2,000 people last year, Shad Fest is a lively festival that includes local food vendors, artists and craftspeople, children's activities, educational displays, and music.

PHS will celebrate the launch of its new RiverTalk audio tour (see above) with a family-friendly scavenger hunt at Shad Fest. Prizes for one and for all! Stop by the PHS table at Shad Fest to pick up your guide and get started.

Help Plant Trees in Your Town

Come meet your neighbors, improve the environment, and enhance your community. Volunteers are needed for community tree plantings throughout southeastern PA. **To find a tree-planting near you, please visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "All About Trees."** The website features a clickable map where you can find locations, dates, times, and contact information for your town or neighborhood. For more information, please contact Mindy Maslin at 215-988-8844 or *mmaslin@pennhort.org*.

Volunteers at a stream-side tree planting in Delaware County

Become a Tree Tender!

The **PHS Tree Tenders** project offers nine hours of hands-on tree care training for Pennsylvania residents. The free training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community.

Upcoming classes:
Montgomery County (a few spaces still available)
Three Thursdays, April 1, 8, & 15; 6 – 9 pm
Oak Lane Day School
137 Stenton Avenue
Blue Bell, PA

Delaware County
Three Tuesdays, April 13, 20 & 27; 6 – 9 pm
Llanerch Presbyterian Church
Lansdowne Road & East Park Road
Havertown, PA

To register or for more information please contact Barley Van Clief at *bvanclief@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8793.

LOVE Your Park Day 2010

Saturday, May 8, 9 am – 12 noon

On May 8, join more than 2,000 volunteers for LOVE Your Park Day in neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia. Projects will take place at 100 parks in all sections of the city. From Pennypack Park in the Northeast to Morris Park in West Philadelphia, volunteers will remove invasive weeds and vines, paint benches, plant flowers, and pick up trash.

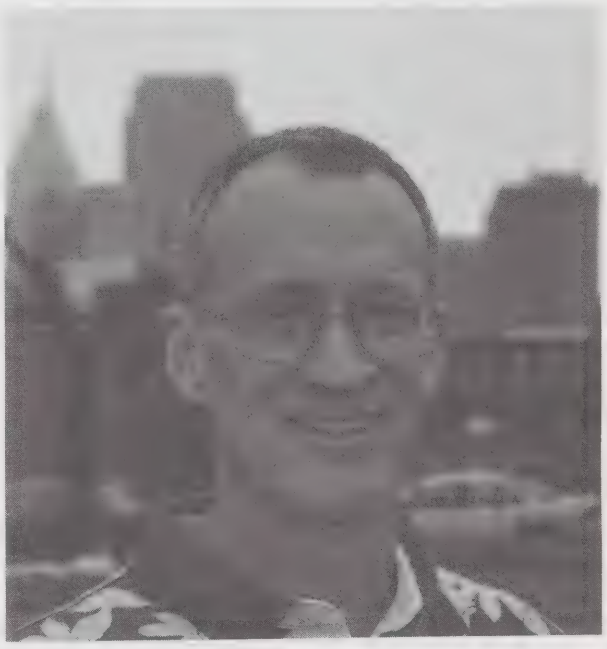
PHS is partnering with the Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation and Greater Philadelphia Cares on this citywide event. Sign up to volunteer at *gpcares.com*. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1611.

Volunteers, Partners Honored at Philadelphia Green Brunch at the Flower Show

The Philadelphia Green Brunch is an annual tradition that takes place on the last Sunday of the Philadelphia International Flower Show. The event celebrates the accomplishments of individuals, groups, and partner organizations that have made significant contributions to urban greening.

This year, the Philadelphia Water Department Office of Watersheds was recognized. The Water Department works with PHS to improve water quality through horticultural solutions to stormwater management, such as water-absorbing tree trenches, rain gardens, restored wetlands, and citizen-education initiatives.

Long-time community gardener Stephan White received the "Philadelphia Green Leadership Award," sponsored by PNC. A founding member of the Spring Gardens community garden in the city's Fairmount neighborhood, Stephan serves on the PHS Council and the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board.



Stephan White received the 2010 Philadelphia Green Leadership Award.

Azalea Garden Party & Silent Auction

Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Please join us for the **2010 Azalea Garden Party & Silent Auction** on **Wednesday, May 5**. This annual celebration, whose chairs this year are Liz and Mark Ward, raises funds for the year-round maintenance of the four-acre garden in Fairmount Park, just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dress in your best garden hats and attire and experience the garden at its peak while enjoying Cinco de Mayo-themed festivities, as well as activities for the whole family including stilt-walkers, face painters, and a raffle just for kids.

The Azalea Garden Party is held at the Water Works at Fairmount Park.

For the adults, **silent auction prizes** include a hosted home garden party and tour, Pennsylvania Ballet tickets, a children's birthday party hosted by Bartram's Garden (tour and birthday cake included), and much more!

New this year is the "**Family Deluxe Package,**" which includes two Patron Azalea Garden Party tickets, unlimited mini tickets for children, a PHS Associate membership, and a family photo taken in the Azalea Garden—all for $300.

Additional ticket prices are as follows: Benefactor, $250; Patron, $125; Friend (under 40 years), $75; Junior (ages 12 – 20), $25; Mini (under 12) no charge. Individual tickets at the "Friend" level and above sold at the door will incur an additional fee of $25 per person, so be sure to get yours early!

Please visit *PHSonline.org*, or contact Michelle Nicoletto at 215-988-8762 or *mnicoletto@pennhort.org* for more information or to order your tickets.

On Thursday, April 22 from 4 to 8 pm, the Lilly Pulitzer store in King of Prussia will donate 10 percent of the afternoon's sales to PHS. This is a great opportunity to pick up new garden attire for the Azalea Garden Party!

Help PHS Meet the Independence Foundation Challenge

As the end of our fiscal year approaches on June 30, please consider making a 100 percent tax-deductible gift to the PHS Annual Fund. Gifts to the **Annual Fund** provide unrestricted support for the Philadelphia Green program, allowing PHS to support community gardens, revitalize neighborhood parks, organize tree plantings, and care for spectacular public landscapes throughout the city.

This year, your gift to the Annual Fund could mean even more. The **Independence Foundation** has awarded PHS a challenge grant that **will match all new and increased Annual Fund gifts,** making your contribution go even further. We are pleased to offer the following giving options:

Mail: Please send your contribution to:

The PHS Annual Fund
PHS
100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Online: Visit our website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Give to the 2010 Annual Fund."

Greener Giving allows you to automatically renew your gift to the Annual Fund with a credit card on the anniversary of your gift date, reducing the number of paper communications you receive from PHS about giving while also cutting the carbon footprint of your gift. Greener Giving lets PHS maximize your gift by putting resources directly into programs instead of toward printing and mailing costs. Please contact the Development office at *giving@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8800 with questions or to make your contribution over the phone.

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE, PHS ANNUAL FUND

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2010 **PHS Annual Fund** and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please accept a gift of: ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other _____

I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership.

Payment Method

☐ Check enclosed (payable to PHS) OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card# _____ Expiration _____ Card Security Code _____

Signature _____

Mail To: PHS Annual Fund, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Legacy Landscapes Campaign in the Home Stretch!

Launched in December 2007, *Legacy Landscapes* is a $12.1 million endowment campaign to raise funds for the horticultural maintenance of some of Philadelphia's most treasured neighborhood and civic landscapes, many created during Jane Pepper's tenure. Income from the endowment raised through the campaign will allow PHS to preserve lush community gardens so important to neighborhoods throughout the city, public spaces such as the Azalea Garden and Logan Square, and the plantings at City Hall and along John F. Kennedy Boulevard.

To date, support from PHS members and donors has been extraordinary. Currently, more than 370 supporters have made a gift to the campaign, and we have raised $9.1 million—**putting us only $3 million away from our goal!**

There is still time to help PHS complete the McLean Contributionship Challenge by making a gift or pledge of $2,500 to $25,000.

As always, **gifts of all sizes are welcome.** If you have not made a campaign contribution, we hope you will do so today.

To make a gift, visit the *Legacy Landscapes* page at *PHSonline.org* or contact Melissa DeRuiter, senior director of Development at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*. She will be pleased to arrange a time to talk or meet with you to discuss ways to participate in the campaign.

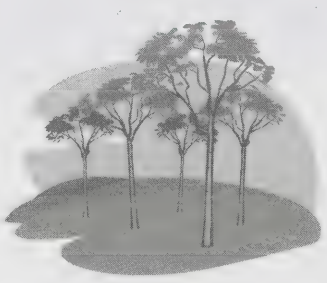
As of February 27, 2010, *Legacy Landscapes* has raised:

Total Gifts and Pledges:	$ 9,078,814.43
Total Deferred Gifts:	$ 71,912.64

PHS is sincerely grateful to all *Legacy Landscapes* contributors. Recent commitments have been made by:

Anonymous
Anne W. Banse
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker Bartle
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Donaldson
Gov. and Mrs. Pierre S. du Pont
Bonnie and Peter McCausland
Dr. and Mrs. J. Brien Murphy
PNC Bank
The Quatre Vents Foundation, Inc.
Sandy, Liz and Mark Ward

Give the Gift of a Tree



Planting a tree is a wonderful way to **honor family and friends** and to mark birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and graduations. A tree is also a perfect way to celebrate upcoming spring holidays, including **Earth Day** (April 22), **Arbor Day** (April 30), **Mother's Day** (May 9), or **Father's Day** (June 20). PHS will send a personal acknowledgment to the person being honored. Tree gifts are 100 percent tax-deductible.

Riparian Tree Plantings
A gift of $25 will plant one small (3 to 4 feet) native tree along streams in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park and public lands or private protected lands in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties.

Neighborhood Tree Plantings
A gift of $200 will support the purchase of a large (8 to 10 feet) tree to be planted in a Philadelphia neighborhood park.

To give the gift of a tree, please contact the PHS Development office at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org*, or visit *www.phsonline.org/supportphs/outright.html* to download a printable donation form to submit by mail.

Please note: Attaching name plaques to trees is not a recommended practice. Not having name plaques allows 100 percent of your gift to be directed to the planting and care of trees.

2010 Kids Grow Expo

Friday, April 23, 9:30 am – 2 pm
Temple University Ambler

The PHS Kids Grow Expo is a free horticultural event by and for school-age children. This year's theme is "**Planting Seeds. Growing Lives.**" Held in conjunction with Temple University's EarthFest on Temple's Ambler Campus, Kids Grow Expo encourages youngsters from all over the Philadelphia region to celebrate Earth Day with educational exhibits, service-learning projects, and competitive classes. For more information about Kids Grow Expo, please visit *PHSonline.org* or contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *fnarducci@pennhort.org.*

The PHS Kids Grow Expo draws schoolchildren from all over the region.

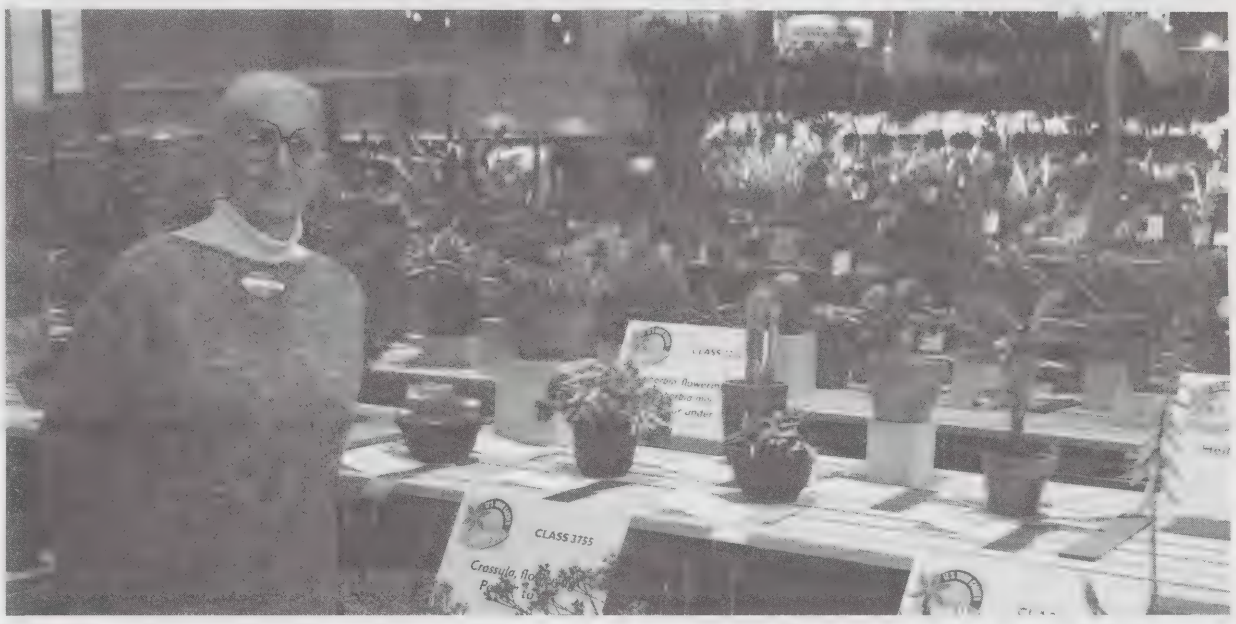
Family Honors Flower Show Exhibitor with a Gift to PHS

Faithful Flower Show visitors will likely recognize the name Sylvia Lin. An exhibitor for more than 30 years, Sylvia is a spirited competitor who has earned an estimated 1,000 blue ribbons for her spectacular plant entries.

When Sylvia turned 80 this past January, her family wanted to acknowledge the milestone by making a donation to PHS in her name. Specifically, the gift comes courtesy of Sylvia's husband, Dr. Paul M. Lin, and their children: Angela, Daria, Paul, Jennifer, Damien, and Stefanie.

Daughter Jennifer says, "I think one of the reasons my mother is so involved in PHS is the real sense of mission within the organization. PHS is about sharing horticultural knowledge and, through Philadelphia Green, enriching the city overall. That sense of community purpose has always appealed to her."

And Sylvia's PHS involvement extends well beyond exhibiting. A first-class volunteer, Sylvia has contributed her time and talents to the Azalea Garden Party, Community Greening Award, and the PHS Membership Committee. Sylvia also serves as vice-chair of the Flower Show's Exhibitors Award Luncheon—a position she's held since 2000.



Sylvia Lin with some of her Flower Show entries

Jennifer, a member of the PHS Education Committee, says that of all her family's PHS-related memories, her favorite will always be the first time her mom won a Flower Show ribbon. "It was in 1976 and she received an honorable mention. She was so thrilled that she called my dad at the hospital [where he worked] and had a nurse relay the news to him in the operating room," she recalls. "We don't call her Nonna Begonia for nothing!"

To see a video of Sylvia's fascinating Flower Show preparations, visit PHSonline.org.

2010 City Gardens Contest Contestants and Volunteers Wanted

The PHS City Gardens Contest celebrates the efforts of city residents who transform urban plots in Philadelphia into colorful gardens. The City Gardens Contest attracts entries of all sizes and types, from tiny tucked-away spaces to enormous community gardens, tended by people of all backgrounds. The contest is open to Philadelphia residents and is judged by volunteers. **To enter your garden, please complete and return the form below by June 10, 2010.**

Volunteer judging teams are needed to visit gardens and evaluate them. **To volunteer or for more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *specialevents@pennhort.org.*** (Note: you do not have to be a Philadelphia resident to serve as a judge.)

2010 Community Greening Award

The PHS **Community Greening Award** recognizes neighborhood and civic groups, garden clubs, businesses, and municipalities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware who plant and maintain public green spaces. Nominations will be accepted for parks, main street planters, church gardens, municipal grounds, and other public places.

To qualify, a garden or planting must serve as a community amenity and must be open to the public free of charge. If you would like to nominate a public space planting in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or Delaware, please contact **Flossie Narducci at *specialevents@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897. The deadline for nominations is June 30.**

City Gardens Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address of garden: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____

Check appropriate category:

- ☐ Individual Gardens
- ☐ Individual Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Flower Garden
- ☐ Combination Flower/Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Container Garden
- ☐ Child's Garden
- ☐ Community Gardens
- ☐ Community Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Community Flower/Sitting Garden
- ☐ Combination Vegetable/Flower Garden
- ☐ Children's Garden
- ☐ "Garden Block" with window boxes and sidewalk planters
- ☐ "The Greenest Block in Town" (street trees/front yards)

Mail to: PHS City Gardens Contest, 100 North 20th St. Philadelphia, PA 19104

Special Offer Exclusively for PHS Members

The **Please Touch Museum**, the children's museum of Philadelphia, is pleased to offer a special discount to PHS Members. Now through May 2, 2010, present this coupon at the box office to receive **$1.50 off general admission** (up to four people). During your visit, don't miss *Exploring Trees Inside and Out*, a collaborative project of the museum, the Arbor Day Foundation, and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation, which is sponsored by Doubletree Hotels. For more information about Please Touch Museum, visit *pleasetouchmuseum.org.*

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Demonstration: Veggies 101– Your Home Vegetable Garden
Thursday, April 8, 10 am – 12 noon

Grow local, eat local! It's time to plant your own vegetable garden. This workshop will address how to plan a garden and get started in a sunny area of your yard. Meadowbrook Farm horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan** will discuss varieties of plants, best sowing times, fertilization, and insect and disease controls using both traditional and organic practices. There will be plenty of useful information for experienced vegetable gardeners as well. Enjoy succulent tomatoes and squash picked fresh from your own garden this summer. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walking Demonstration: Gardening in Tough Spots
Thursday, April 15, 10 am – 12 noon

Every garden has its problem spots! Do you struggle getting plants to grow in dry shade, heavy soil, scorching sun, wet areas, or "dead zones?" Meadowbrook Farm head gardener **Glenn Ashton** will share his secrets for meeting these and other challenges. He'll help you choose the right plants for the right spots so you can work with your environment rather than against it. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: No Dig, No Till, No Kidding
Thursday, April 22, 10 am – 12 noon

There is a suburban greening revival going on in Abington Township, PA, and it can be seen at schools, at township pools, around signs, and in small parks. It started with a hope of beautifying tired municipal parks and has grown to encompass much more. And the best part: it involves no digging or tilling, just a unique method of using everyday household paper products and free compost to quickly make garden beds. Meadowbrook Farm volunteer coordinator **Diana K. Weiner** will introduce you to Everyone Can Garden™ and guide you through picking the right plants for your site. Homeowners and project leaders alike will love this easy way to create a garden in a day! **Limit: 30. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

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Evening Lecture: The Solitude— A Celebration 225 Years in the Making
Tuesday, April 13, 6 pm

In 1784 John Penn, grandson of William Penn, constructed the Solitude, a Philadelphia country retreat now located at the heart of the Philadelphia Zoo. Raised in England on an estate landscaped by Lancelot "Capability" Brown, Penn developed his Schuylkill River villa in the mid-eighteenth century English tradition. In 1788 Penn returned to England, where he engaged Humphry Repton to update his family estate to incorporate then-current design notions and his Philadelphia experience. **Robin M. Potter** and **Arleen Dascola** will discuss the artistic and horticultural trends that influenced Penn's house and grounds, as well as the Solitude's restoration and the garden renovation underway today.

Garden educator and designer Robin Potter developed the landscape design for the renovation of the gardens at the Solitude and oversees their implementation. Trained at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation, she is a Camden County Master Gardener. Arleen Dascola is a long-time docent at the Philadelphia Zoo, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rodin Museum. An early member of the Friends of the Solitude and former art teacher, she leads the Zoo's art and architecture tours.

The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception in the PHS McLean Library, where some of the reference materials used by Robin Potter will be on display. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

The Solitude

Free Lecture Series
PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor a multi-session course, Pollination Biology. The course is free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration packet. ***To register, please call the Wagner Institute at 215-763-6529, ext. 23.***

Pollination Biology
Six Mondays, April 5 – May 10, 6:30 pm

Pollination evolved 360 million years ago with the evolution of seed plants and is ubiquitous in all landscapes dominated by them—almost all landscapes occupied by humans. This course, taught by **Dr. Tatiana Livshultz**, will survey the science of pollination biology including the discovery of plant pollination in the late seventeenth century; plant adaptations to animal pollination and how they evolve; the diversity of pollinating animals; the many ways that plants manipulate animals to achieve pollination (including false advertising); and the importance of pollination to human society.

Dr. Tatiana Livshultz is assistant curator of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. As curator of the Academy's herbaria, one of the oldest in North America, she develops databases of its holdings to facilitate access to its specimens. She also conducts research on plant evolution and development, with a focus on the milkweed and dogbane family.

Brown-Bag Lunch: Southeast Asia
Monday, April 19, 12 noon, PHS Auditorium
(Rescheduled from February 11)

PHS executive vice-president **Blaine Bonham** and former education director **Eva Ray** will share stories and photos from their 2008 tour of Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia. Along with their partners Suresh Ghosh and Rick Spitzborg, Blaine and Eva spent more than a year planning an interesting yet comfortable trip. But none of them anticipated the exciting adventures they would experience—including a border crossing by dinghy, slipping down muddy banks to board boats, a two-day chilly but spectacular trip down the Mekong River, arrival by boat at the ancient capital of Luang Prabang in Laos, and travelling on non-existent roads to see the once-a-week market of the Hmong near the Chinese border. Join us as they share sights and stories from this trip of a lifetime. **Please bring a lunch; PHS will supply snacks and drinks. Fee: $5.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810) or phone (215-988-8869). Fax and phone reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

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For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

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PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
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Walk: Early Spring Bulbs
Wednesday, April 14, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk, classroom discussion, and slide lecture will explore the cheerful, seasonal flowers of spring: Dutch bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald** will focus on the most rewarding spring-blooming bulbs, those that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Cool Containers—Exciting Plant Combinations for Early Spring
Thursday, April 15, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Most gardeners get itchy for bit of green and color in early spring. But does the threat of severe temperature changes frighten you away from planting early containers? With a little creativity, there can be far more in your early-spring pots than just pansies. Cold-tolerant annuals, bulbs, cut branches, perennials, and woody plants make dynamic combinations that stand up to changeable weather. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will offer ideas and inspiration during this demonstration, discussion, and tour of the early-season containers at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs
Wednesday, April 21, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will discuss all aspects of pruning garden shrubs and demonstrate basic techniques. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Spring Seasonal Walk
Wednesday, May 5, 6 – 8 pm

This first of three scheduled tours of Chanticleer's enchanting pleasure gardens will highlight plantings of seasonal interest in early May. Horticulturist **Joe Henderson** will lead a walk around Chanticleer to observe all the harbingers of spring, including creeping phlox, foamflower, and trilliums that blanket the woodland hillsides. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Basics of Lawn Care
Wednesday, May 12, 6 – 8 pm

Chanticleer's **Scott Steinfeldt** will provide an overview of lawn-care basics every homeowner should know. Topics will include the best turf grass varieties for residential lawns, mowing frequency, fertilizer and watering, and essential lawn-care equipment. Scott will also provide a basic maintenance plan for your lawn. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Difficult Shade
Thursday, May 13, 6 – 8 pm

Do you have deep shade and dry soil where nothing wants to grow? Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** to learn what you can do to make these difficult conditions more conducive to growing great plants. Visiting tough, shady sites at Chanticleer, Lisa will discuss soil preparation, light levels, design, planting, and maintenance. She will also address combining different textures and shades of green to create cool, calm, attractive gardens that will look fresh all season. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Moss Gardening
Wednesday, May 19, 6 – 8 pm

Here's a practical approach to growing one of the most beautiful groups of plants. **Przemek Walczak** will talk about starting and maintaining a patch of moss, a moss lawn, or a whole moss garden. We will look at examples of moss uses, tools, and maintenance techniques. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Flower Arranging From the Garden
Wednesday, May 26, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Why spend money buying flowers when you can create something of beauty from what's growing right outside in your garden, regardless of the time of year? Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** on an inspiring walk through Chanticleer in search of great flowers to cut for spring. Afterwards, Jonathan will demonstrate and discuss techniques for creating arrangements while putting together numerous creations before your eyes. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Light it Up!
Thursday, June 10, 6 – 8 pm

Late May to early June is the height of the gardening season in the Mid Atlantic. Bulbs, perennials, hardy annuals, flowering shrubs, and trees are all going at once! Chanticleer horticulturist **Joe Henderson** will be our guide as we talk about how it all comes together, as well as how to keep the color charging ahead. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Design Principles for the Home Garden
Wednesday, June 16, 6 – 8 pm

If you are not sure where to start or when you need some inspiration for your garden, five simple design principles can help. **Dan Benarcik** will discuss these principles as he guides our walk, points out examples at Chanticleer, and tells us how these strategies can be applied in the home landscape. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Opportunistic Gardening
Thursday, June 17, 6 – 8 pm

Being an opportunist in gardening is a good thing—the equivalent of being an entrepreneur in business. This class will cover gardening in small spaces, awkward spaces, and with limited water, soil, and light. **Przemek Walczak** will discuss how to "acquire" plants (through propagation by various methods) when working with a limited budget. He'll talk about containers, ornaments, and trellises, as well as which tools are overrated and which ones you really need. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Herban Renewal
Wednesday, June 23, 6 – 8 pm

Herb expert **Yvonne England** will use the herb garden at Chanticleer to discuss how to get the most out of your own herb garden. See next issue for more details. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Summer Seasonal Walk
Thursday, June 24, 6 – 8 pm

June is the most wonderful time for a walk in the garden. Horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will answer your plant questions as we tour Chanticleer—awash in color, foliage, and fragrance. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

2010 PHS GARDEN VISITS
Media & Swarthmore, PA: Sunday, May 2
A Day in the Country—Pottstown to Boyertown: Sunday, May 16

The 2010 PHS Garden Visits will spotlight exceptional gardens in the Media/Swarthmore and Boyertown/Pottstown areas of Pennsylvania. Exclusively for PHS members and their guests, these self-guided tours run from **12 noon to 5 pm.** Please note: pre-registration is required by April 23 for the Media/Swarthmore visit and May 7 for Boyertown/Pottstown. **Fee: $15 members, $30 for guests of PHS members.**

Please use the form on page 6 to sign up. Directions and a map will be sent a week or two in advance of the garden visit. For more information, please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *programreg@pennhort.org.*

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS
Monthly third Tuesday,
April through October, 5 – 6 pm
2301 Market St., Philadelphia

Want to learn about exciting "green roof" technology? PHS will lead tours of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters on the third Tuesday of the month, April through October. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, and pre-registration at least two days before the tour is required. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Fee: $5 PHS members, $10 non-members.**

The green roof at PECO headquarters at 2301 Market Street

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE
140 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA

Evening Lecture: A Garden Well Placed—A Designer's Harmony between House and Garden, by Xa Tollemache
Monday, April 12, 6:30 pm

Award-winning garden designer **Xa Tollemache** has been creating gardens since 1996, and each of her projects has its own character. She feels passionately that every garden must relate to the particular landscape and architecture of its house, as well as to the people living there. Lady Tollemache will illustrate some of the very different northern and southern British gardens she has designed using scale, proportion, a balance of planting, and keen senses of form and color. Her projects range from small courtyard gardens to large estates and include the Millennium Garden at Castle Hill in Devon (which PHS members will visit in April); work for Lord and Lady Astor at their homes in Oxfordshire, Northumberland, and Belgravia; an internal courtyard garden at Wilton House for the Earl of Pembroke; and a walled kitchen garden at Arundel Castle for the Duchess of Norfolk; as well as the extraordinary garden at the Tollemache family estate, Helmingham Hall in Suffolk.

Xa has completed many garden design commissions in Britain, France, Italy, and America. She won a gold medal for her display, The Evening Standard Garden, at the 1997 Chelsea Flower Show and took silver gilt medals at Chelsea in 2001 and 2003. Her work has been featured in many publications, including *House & Garden, The Telegraph Saturday* magazine, *Sunday Telegraph* magazine, and the *Mail on Sunday YOU.*

The lecture will be preceded by a cash-bar reception at 6 pm and followed by an optional dinner. Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by April 9. Co-sponsored by the Union League of Philadelphia. **Fee: lecture only, $25 PHS members and Union League members, $30 non-members. Lecture and dinner: $70 members and guests.** Registration required through the Royal Oak Foundation. **Please visit *royal-oak.org/lecture.html* or call Robert Dennis at 212-480-2889, ext. 201.**

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City Gardening Series

City Gardening Series events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, PHSonline.org, *or contact Marilyn Reynolds at* citygardening@pennhort.org *or 215-988-8872.*

Dependable Perennials
Saturday, April 17, 2 – 3 pm
Lawncrest Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6098 Rising Sun Avenue

The Cutting Garden
Thursday, April 15, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Glenside Library
215 South Keswick Ave.
Glenside PA 19038

Designing and Maintaining Spring Planters
Monday, April 19, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Community College of Philadelphia
1700 Spring Garden Street
Please Note: Register online at *ccp.edu/site/lifelong* or for information call Community College of Philadelphia at 215-751-8381 or 8531. **Fee: $25.**

Kitchen Garden in a Pot
Wednesday, April 21, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute, Free Library of Philadelphia
1905 Locust Street

How to Grow a Low-Maintenance Garden
Wednesday, April 28, 4 – 5 pm
Widener Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2808 W. Lehigh Avenue

Kitchen Garden in a Pot
Saturday, May 1, 1 – 2 pm
Walnut West Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
201 S. 40th Street

Grow a Garden on Your Windowsill
Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Kingsessing Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1201 S. 51st Street

Small Space Vegetable Gardening
Saturday, May 22, 2 – 3 pm
Lawncrest Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6098 Rising Sun Avenue

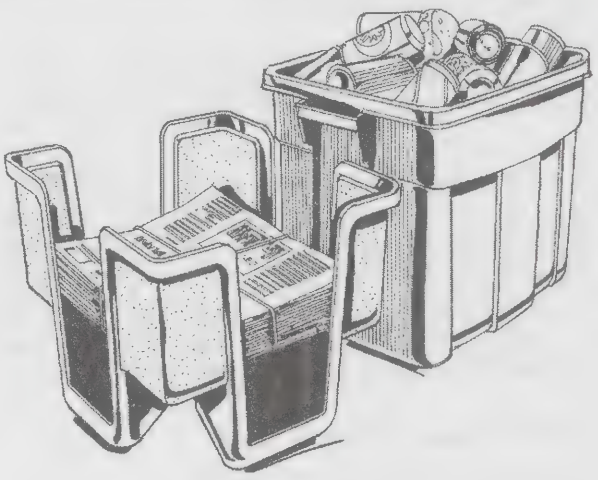
Containers for the Small Garden
Monday, May 17, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Community College of Philadelphia
1700 Spring Garden Street
Please Note: Register online at *ccp.edu/site/lifelong* or for information call Community College of Philadelphia at 215-751-8381 or 8531. **Fee: $25.**

Paper, Plastic, and PHS!

Philadelphia is rolling out Philadelphia Recycling Rewards, a partnership between the Streets Department and RecycleBank. The program allows Philadelphia residents with city-provided recycling collection to earn points that can be redeemed through the RecycleBank website for a variety of items, including charitable contributions to PHS!

By redeeming your Recycling Rewards points for donations to PHS, you can turn the simple act of curbside recycling into something much more, helping PHS to plant seeds of change and inspiration throughout our region.

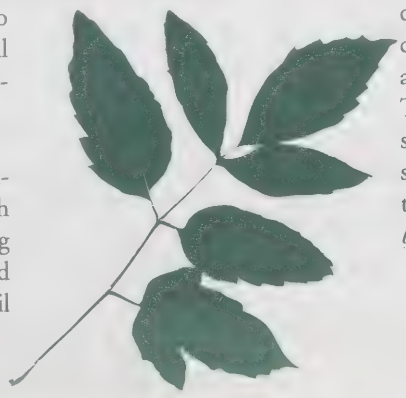
Register today at *phillyrecyclingpays.com*, and spread the word to your friends and family living in Philadelphia!



2010 Plant Sales and Events Listings

The Philadelphia area offers a wealth of beautiful gardens and gardening activities. To help our members keep track of it all, PHS compiles a list of plant sales and major events sponsored by local plant societies, public gardens, and nonprofit organizations. You'll find this list at *PHSonline.org*; click on "Latest News." To request a paper copy, please call the publications office at 215-988-8871.

You can also receive up-to-date information on gardening events each month on your desktop by signing up for email alerts from the Wired Gardener. (To subscribe, email *wiredgardener@pennhort.org*).



Volunteers Needed for PHS McLean Library

Do you like people? Do you like books? Becoming a volunteer in the PHS McLean Library may be just for you! We are looking for volunteers to work shifts at our circulation desk during our hours of operation (9 to 5, Monday through Friday). Volunteers will greet visitors, answer questions, show them how to use our catalog, check books in and out of the library system, and perform other library duties as needed. The right volunteer must have strong people skills and be willing to learn to use our library system for basic tasks. Interested? Please contact Janet Evans at 215-988-8782 or *mcleanlibrary@pennhort.org*.

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PHS Partners with City to Plant 300,000 Trees

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter wants to plant trees … lots of them. His sustainability plan, *GreenWorks Philadelphia,* calls for nearly doubling the citywide tree cover from just under 16 percent to 30 percent by 2025. The City has enlisted PHS to help it meet this goal, starting with raising private-sector funds and planting 300,000 trees by 2015.

City officials and PHS leaders launched the tree-planting campaign at a ceremony on April 24 in Francisville Park. PHS president Drew Becher, who formerly led New York City's MillionTreesNYC campaign, addressed the crowd at the event and said, "Trees are an investment in our future at a pretty miniscule cost. They're also symbolic. The tree stands for many of the larger initiatives of the city's *GreenWorks* plan."

Philadelphia's Fairmount Park and Department of Recreation—which are merging this summer to become a single agency, the Department of Parks and Recreation—will lead the tree-planting campaign with PHS as the lead nonprofit partner. Businesses, other organizations, and residents will be invited to join this project. Many studies have shown that trees improve the environment, health, quality of life, and economic vitality of communities.

"We have an ambitious plan, and it is these collaborations—with PHS, with community groups, with citizens, with corporations, nonprofit partners, and all agencies of city government—that will make this possible," said Michael DiBerardinis, commissioner of the new Department of Parks and Recreation and a senior advisor to the mayor.

PHS serves on all four professional working teams spearheading the tree-planting campaign. Specific teams will make recommendations for a citywide tree count, look at tree-related regulations, identify nursery stock and procurement systems to meet planting needs, and coordinate communications and citizen engagement.

The new city partnership makes PHS a tree-planting powerhouse in the region. PHS's extensive Tree Tenders network of trained volunteers plants and cares for thousands of trees every year. PHS is the driving force behind TreeVitalize, a program that focuses on increasing tree cover throughout southeastern Pennsylvania and promoting and assisting with tree planting in municipalities statewide.

In addition, through a $1.65 million grant from the state agency PENNVEST, with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, PHS is already engaged in planting 8,000 trees in the region this spring (see February/March *PHS News*). On the weekend of April 24 and 25 alone, PHS Tree Tenders, volunteers, and partners planted 1,000 trees in neighborhoods and parks in Philadelphia.

Visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "All About Trees" to learn how you can get involved.

Alan Jaffe

PHS president Drew Becher spoke about the tree-planting campaign during the kick-off event at Francisville Park. Michael DiBerardinis of the Department of Parks and Recreation (background) and Mayor Nutter also addressed the crowd.

J. Blaine Bonham Jr., PHS Executive Vice President, to Retire

Blaine Bonham

PHS executive vice president J. Blaine Bonham Jr. will retire from PHS at the end of June. He joined PHS in 1974 and has been influential in the development of many PHS programs, including its acclaimed urban greening program, Philadelphia Green.

"For many years people have called Blaine the 'Father of Philadelphia Green,' and with ample justification," says Jane G. Pepper, former president of PHS. "When Blaine started at PHS, Philadelphia Green was a mere sapling of a program with two staff members and a truck. Under his leadership, it grew from a small, grassroots initiative to the most comprehensive urban greening program in the nation, and it now serves as a model for programs in other cities."

Among Bonham's accomplishments is the development and expansion of Philadelphia Green's vacant land management program, a partnership with the city that to date has converted 10 million square feet of once-derelict land into green space. During his tenure Philadelphia Green also launched Tree Tenders; created an extensive parks revitalization network; and led the renovation of prominent civic landscapes, including the grounds of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Azalea Garden, Logan Square, and the 26th Street gateway leading from the airport.

As Philadelphia Green's reputation grew, Bonham became a national spokesperson for the importance of investing in green space as a key part of urban revitalization. Through speaking and consulting roles, conferences, and publications, he established PHS as a greening resource for other cities.

In 2005 he led a Philadelphia team that presented PHS's vacant land management model at the White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation, and in the last two years he has testified at two congressional hearings exploring the role of federal policy in supporting green infrastructure in urban centers. He is co-author of *Old Cities/Green Cities: Communities Transform Unmanaged Land,* published by the American Planning Association, and a contributing writer for *Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the 21st Century,* published by the University of Pennsylvania.

In 2006 Bonham collaborated with Academy Award-winning Wiland-Bell Productions of Los Angeles on the PBS documentary *Edens Lost & Found.* This series chronicles the public- and private-sector efforts of four cities—Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Philadelphia—to create sustainable urban environments. The Philadelphia episode prominently features PHS's greening work.

Over the past decade as executive vice president, Bonham assumed an organization-wide leadership role, directing the Education, Publications, Membership, and Development departments, in addition to spearheading the PHS strategic planning process. ,

Bonham has served on Mayor Michael Nutter's Sustainability Advisory Board. He chairs the board of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's GreenSpace Alliance, a regional effort to preserve open space and natural resources, and serves on the boards of several other organizations.

"Along with a very creative and capable group of PHS staff members, Blaine has led the charge for dramatic changes in the city's landscapes," says PHS Council chair John K. Ball. "All of us have been inspired by his vision to make Philadelphia a greener and more beautiful city."

Gifts in honor of Blaine's tenure may be made to the PHS *Legacy Landscapes* campaign in support of endowment funds for the 26th Street Gateway landscape. Please see page 4 for giving details.

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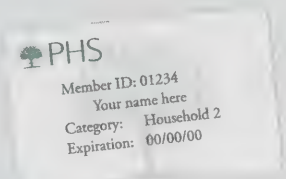
A New Vendor offers PHS Discounts

Spring Valley Nurseries in Doylestown will now offer discounts to PHS members. See page 8 for details.



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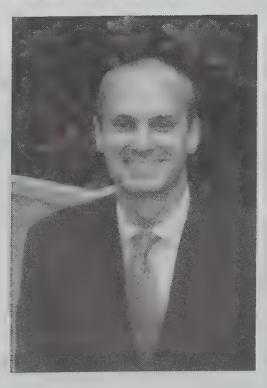


Getting to Know PHS

When I learned that I was chosen to become president of PHS, I couldn't have been more excited. I am honored to have a chance to build on the legacies of Jane Pepper and Blaine Bonham and to be part of the energy that promises to make Philadelphia and the surrounding region among the greenest in the nation.

I have been following the work of PHS for years, and many of the practices implemented in the cities where I've previously worked were modeled after Philadelphia Green. As a Flower Show visitor I was impressed by the world-class exhibits, education programs, entertainment, and merchandising. I even came to the Show as a "spy" one year when exploring ideas for a flower show in Chicago.

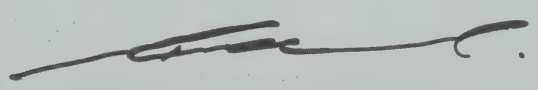
However, it's one thing to know the work of an organization from the outside, and quite another to get a sense of what makes it tick from the inside. And since I've been here, I've realized that PHS's most amazing asset is its people, an attribute that makes the organization and everything it offers so special.

Going behind the scenes at the 2010 Flower Show with Jane during set-up week was a real eye-opener. I met some of the 3,000 volunteers who give so generously of their time year after year. I spoke with exhibitors who have been stalwarts at the Show for decades. And I marveled at the way the PHS staff pulls together to fill roles at the Show that often have little to do with their regular jobs. Best of all was seeing how the great relationships between these groups create such a buzz at the Show.

PHS's Philadelphia Green program is the top of the game when it comes to making cities more sustainable and more beautiful, and relationships are the key here as well. I've been learning more about the unique ability of Philadelphia Green to build partnerships, empower citizens to improve their own communities, and promote innovative environmental practices such as using horticulture to manage stormwater.

I'm also learning about the depth of PHS's reach into the region and beyond through education and tree-planting initiatives, and through its role as a resource for gardeners. This area is known for its wealth of public and private gardens, as well as for the huge number of plant societies and garden lovers of all stripes, from professional horticulturists to backyard gardeners. As someone who won his hometown's "Most Beautiful Yard" contest as a kid, I feel right at home.

I want to thank everyone who has been so welcoming to me, and I look forward to greeting PHS members at events over the coming months. Your loyal support is vital and makes it possible for PHS to continue delivering great programs and improving the quality of life throughout the region.



Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Take a Tour of Meadowbrook Farm

After a successful run in 2009, **Thursday Garden Tours** have returned to Meadowbrook Farm. Now through October, visitors may attend a guided tour of the Meadowbrook estate and grounds from 11 am to noon each Thursday. This rain-or-shine event does not require advance registration. Admission can be purchased onsite at the sales yard checkout and costs $15 per person.

Tour groups love the intimate setting and sophisticated décor of Meadowbrook Farm. Designed in the English Cotswold style, the house features a series of beautifully decorated rooms and patios. Outside, meandering pathways lead through exquisite gardens designed by the late J. Liddon Pennock Jr. Meadowbrook Farm has been featured in several books and magazines, including *Architectural Digest, House and Garden,* and *Town and Country.*

Once the tour is complete, apply any new-found inspiration to your shopping experience. Meadowbrook Farm carries an array of items for the home and garden, everything from soaps and ceramics to patio furniture and potpourri. The outdoor sales yard carries summer-blooming plants for gardens big and small. **As always, PHS members receive 10 percent off plant purchases.**

See you at Meadowbrook Farm!

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm
Sundays, 11 am - 4 pm (through June 13)

Save the Date: PHS Members' Day, Saturday, September 11, 2010

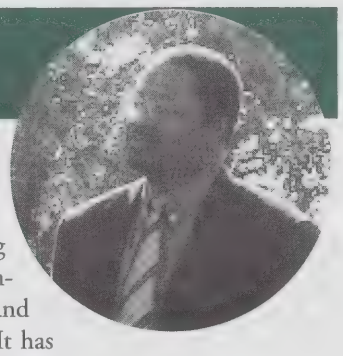
Mark your calendar for the 2010 PHS Members' Day on **Saturday, September 11** from 11 am to 4 pm at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Members' Day offers something for everyone, including:

- A marketplace for shopping
- Children's activities
- Horticultural presentations
- Tours of the Navy Yard

Members' Day also includes the **Annual Plant Dividend**, when PHS members can take home free plants as a benefit of membership. Bring your **valid membership card**! Watch for more details in the August-September *PHS News* or visit *PHSonline.org.*

In the Spotlight

Michael McClary



Michael McClary didn't set out to lead the charge to reclaim his neighborhood park. "I was drafted," he jokes.

Several years ago, Conshohocken-Windemere Park was a place to avoid. Located in the Wynnefield Heights section of Philadelphia where Michael lives, the neglected park was attracting illicit activity, and neighborhood residents were increasingly concerned. Things came to a head when there were rumors that the park would be sold or turned into a parking lot.

At a neighborhood meeting Michael agreed to join a committee to begin reclaiming the space, which includes a playground and recreation building. Shortly afterward, a representative of the Wynnefield Heights Civic Association handed Michael a list of everyone who had signed up to help. "Why don't you call these people and organize the first meeting?" she asked him.

And the rest, as they say, is history. Michael contacted PHS's Philadelphia Green program to ask for assistance organizing a cleanup day. It so happened that his group's chosen workday coincided with Philadelphia Green's annual spring park event. "So we signed on, and that first day more than 50 people came out. It was like everyone was just waiting for a chance to help," he says.

The Friends of Conshohocken-Windemere Park is now part of Philadelphia Green's extensive network of park groups. The park has come a long way, now hosting an annual Community Day and a summer movie night. It has raised funds and completed several improvement projects, including a new park design, a tot lot, a picnic grove, and a walking track.

"The perception of the park has totally turned around," Michael says. "It's amazing the number of picnics, cookouts, and impromptu parties that happen there now. The park has changed from a liability into a significant asset for the whole community—and for my family as well. My daughter, Jana, and son, Khari, love the park and are a major part of my motivation."

A loan officer for The Reinvestment Fund, a nonprofit that finances community revitalization projects, Michael also serves on the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board. He enjoys sharing his experiences with like-minded people.

Not long ago he joined Philadelphia Green senior director Joan Reilly as a presenter at a national urban parks conference in Pittsburgh. "It was wonderful to be able to pass on what we have learned and to interact with kindred spirits," he recalls. "Their energy, ideas, and vision help keep you going."

A New Landscape for the Rodin Museum

PHS and Partners Renovate a Parkway Jewel

There's a lot happening along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia these days. While art lovers await the arrival of the new Barnes Foundation museum being built there, another Parkway institution is receiving a facelift.

Construction begins in June on a rejuvenated landscape for the Rodin Museum. Located at the heart of the Parkway and administered by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Rodin Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of works by French sculptor Auguste Rodin in the world.

The new landscape is a collaborative project of PHS, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and Fairmount Park. The partners hired the landscape architecture firm OLIN to design improvements for the Rodin Museum's courtyard and outer landscape, and will oversee construction and ongoing management.

OLIN looked to the original 1929 garden plans by Jacques Gréber, who conceived the overall design of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, for direction and inspiration. The plan for the interior courtyard retains the formal structure and enhances it with new plantings, including boxwood hedges along the lower walls of the courtyard that will serve as a backdrop for matching perennial borders. The borders will feature many native selections such as willow blue star, yarrow, blanketflower, bee balm, and New England aster.

Flowering trees and shrubs such as 'Winter King' hawthorn (a PHS Gold Medal Award winner), sourwood, Carolina allspice, and mountain laurel will enliven the museum's outer landscape and nearby streetscape. The museum's formal stone entrance, known as the Meudon Gate, visible from the Parkway, was recently restored.

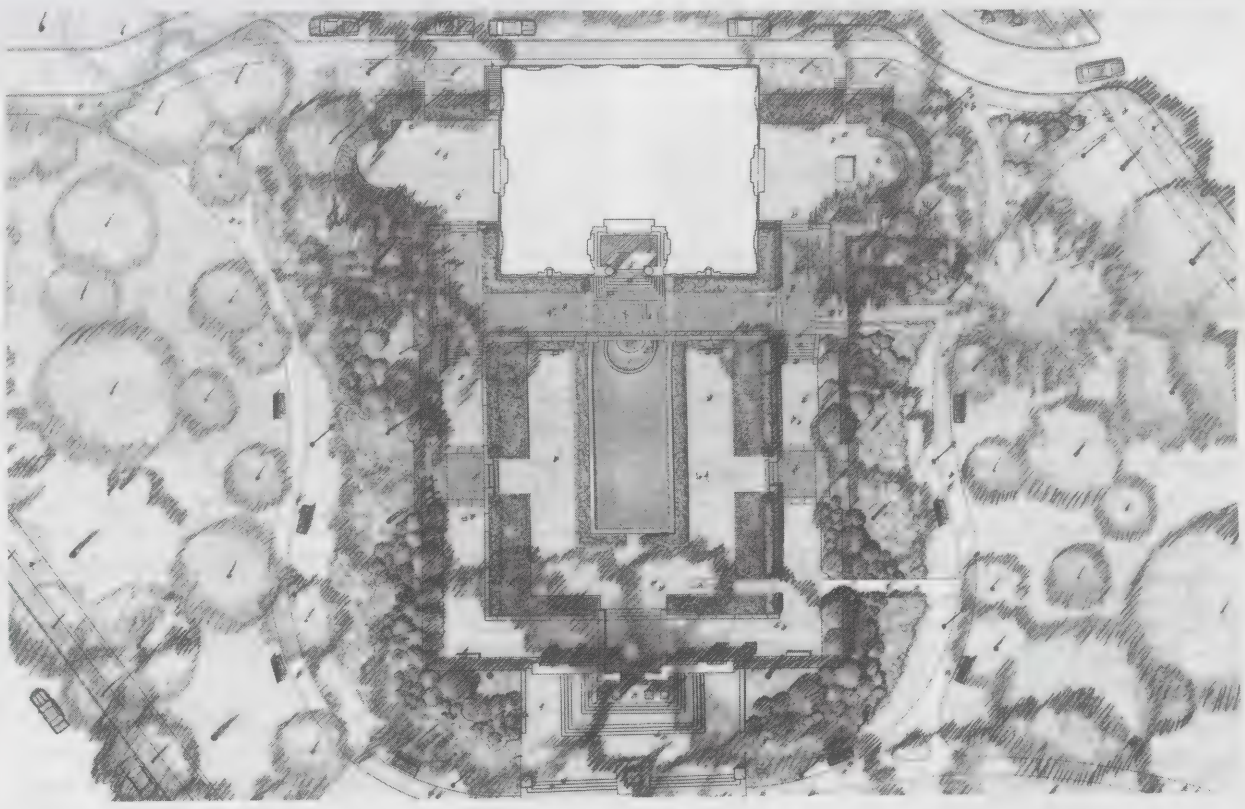
"The planting plan for both the courtyard and outer landscape will provide a succession of changing colors throughout the seasons," says Nancy O'Donnell of PHS, "The new plantings will also allow greater visibility so that passersby can catch glimpses of the interior garden."

PHS has partnered for many years with Fairmount Park on landscape renovation and maintenance projects, most recently the Swann Memorial Fountain landscape at Logan Square.

Coinciding with the Rodin Museum garden renovations, the north and south sides of the Ben Franklin Parkway streetscape, between 21st Street and Eakins Oval, will receive pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation improvements. Among the improvements will be curb extensions that shorten crossing distances for pedestrians, as well as parking and traffic-lane configurations to create a wider central median. Fairmount Park has retained Lager Raabe Skafte Landscape Architects to design these improvements. The Rodin Museum and streetscape projects are scheduled to be completed this fall.

These projects are funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the William Penn Foundation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the City of Philadelphia.

(Right) Rodin's *The Thinker* returns to its usual spot after restoration of the Meudon Gate. (Below) The design for the rejuvenated Rodin landscape was created by Philadelphia-based OLIN.



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Philadelphia Green News on the Web

Want to keep up with the latest Philadelphia Green happenings? Visit the Philadelphia Green News online at ***phillygreen.com***. You'll find regularly updated information and stories about the exciting work of PHS's comprehensive urban greening program. Check it out!

PHS produces Audio Tour of the Delaware River

PHS invites you to take Philly's first cell phone tour of the Central Delaware River: **RiverTalk**! By foot, bike, kayak, or car you can listen to short, informative stories on the Delaware's past, present, and future. The tour includes ports, parks, piers, and people and is designed to encourage greater public use and appreciation of the river.

There are two basic ways to take the RiverTalk tour: **Visit *rivertalk.org* and download the audio files to your iPod** or MP3 player. Or, **download and print the brochure** from the website and use your cell phone to learn about each listed stop. Brochures are also available at PHS offices and have been distributed around Philadelphia.

Highlighted places include Pulaski Park, Penn's Landing, the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, Race Street Pier, the Navy Yard, and much more. You'll also get a glimpse into the river's rich shipping past, its ecological features, and future plans to connect people to the waterfront.

RiverTalk was produced by PHS and made possible with funding from the Take Me to the River grant program, administered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The William Penn Foundation provided additional funding.

Kayakers enjoyed a tour of the Delaware River during a recent event.

PNC Makes $100,000 Gift to the *Legacy Landscapes* Endowment Campaign

PNC, presenting sponsor of the Philadelphia International Flower Show since 1992, presented former PHS president and PNC board member Jane G. Pepper with $100,000 from the PNC Foundation to support PHS's *Legacy Landscapes* endowment campaign. *Legacy Landscapes* is a $12.1 million campaign to establish an endowment fund to support horticultural maintenance of civic and neighborhood landscape projects of PHS. To date, the campaign has raised $9.1 million.

"I am most grateful to PNC and all our *Legacy Landscapes* contributors," said Jane Pepper when the gift was presented at the 2010 Flower Show. "This gift, and those of so many others, will help PHS care for civic and neighborhood treasures as permanent fixtures of our beautiful city."

In addition to sponsoring the Flower Show, PNC is also an exhibitor. Its PNC Park section at the 2010 Show displayed the company's green bank branches, and the PNC Living Wall exhibit, made of plants and recycled materials, represented PNC's many green initiatives.

Help us Complete the Legacy Landscapes *Campaign!*

To make a gift, visit the *Legacy Landscapes* page at *PHSonline.org* or contact Melissa DeRuiter, senior director of Development at 215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*. She will be pleased to arrange a time to talk or meet with you to discuss ways to participate in the campaign.

Left to right: Bill Mills, President of PNC for Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey; Drew Becher, PHS President; Jane G. Pepper, former PHS President; and Jim Rohr, Chairman and CEO of PNC Financial Services Group

Invest in PHS—Support the Annual Fund!

As the end of our fiscal year approaches on June 30, please consider making a 100 percent tax-deductible gift to the **PHS Annual Fund**. Contributions to the Annual Fund provide important unrestricted support, allowing PHS to support community gardens, revitalize neighborhood parks, organize tree plantings, and care for spectacular public landscapes throughout the city.

This year, your gift will go even further. **The Independence Foundation** awarded PHS a challenge grant that **will match all new and increased Annual Fund gifts made by June 30, 2010**, growing your investment in PHS.

We are pleased to offer the following giving options:

Mail: Please mail the form below with your contribution to:
The PHS Annual Fund
PHS
100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Online: Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Give to the 2010 Annual Fund."

Greener Giving—a paperless giving program: Greener Giving allows you to elect to automatically renew your gift to the Annual Fund with a credit card on the anniversary of your gift date, reducing the number of paper communications you receive from PHS about giving while also reducing the carbon footprint of your contribution. Greener Giving lets PHS maximize your gift by putting resources directly into programs instead of toward printing and mailing costs.

To participate in Greener Giving, please contact the Development Office at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org* with any questions or to make your contribution over the phone.

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE, PHS ANNUAL FUND

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2009-2010 **PHS Annual Fund** and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

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Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Do You Work For a Matchmaker?

Some companies have **matching gift programs** that double or even triple employee gifts to PHS, and your employer may be one of them. Many companies also match gifts of retirees, spouses, surviving spouses, and outside directors. Check with your employer's human resources department.

Recycling Rewards Update

Since the April-May 2010 edition of *PHS News* went to print, RecycleBank has restructured its donations program. Unfortunately, nonprofit organizations such as PHS are no longer eligible recipients. We apologize for any confusion and encourage all PHS friends to keep recycling!

Azalea Garden Party & Silent Auction a Success

Thanks to all who came to the 2010 Azalea Garden Party & Silent Auction on May 5. The annual celebration, which raises funds for the year-round maintenance of the garden, was chaired by Liz and Mark C. Ward. Guests placed bids on auction items such as roundtrip airline tickets, Philadelphia Phillies tickets, a private garden visit, and dinner for eight. Embracing this year's Cinco de Mayo theme, guests enjoyed the music of a traditional mariachi band and Mexican-influenced cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

2010 PHS Major Awards

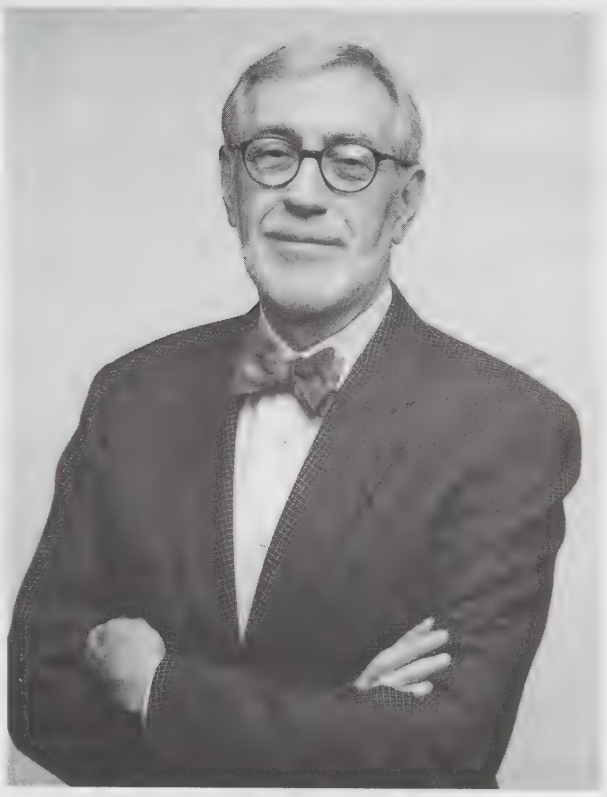
PHS is pleased to announce the winners of the Major Awards for 2010. Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 9.

Distinguished Achievement Medal

Laurie D. Olin, RLA, FASLA
Laurie D. Olin is an American landscape architect who has worked on everything from private residences to large public parks. Laurie grew up in Alaska and earned his degree in architecture from the University of Washington, in Seattle.

Laurie is the founding partner of the Philadelphia-based landscape architecture and urban design firm OLIN. The firm received the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award for Landscape Design in 2008 and in 2010 was on the winning team in the competition to design the new United States Embassy in London with architects KieranTimberlake. OLIN landscape designs include the Campus Development Plan for the University of Pennsylvania, where Laurie serves on the faculty; the J. Paul Getty Center in Los Angeles; Bryant Park, Battery Park City, and Columbus Circle in New York City; and the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

Currently OLIN is working on the renovation of the landscape at the Rodin Museum on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia (see page 3). Laurie was also selected to serve as the landscape architect for the Barnes Foundation's new site on the Parkway.


Laurie Olin

Certificates of Merit

Michael Bowell
Michael Bowell is an orchid specialist and self-described "general-practioner horticulturist." He and his partner, Simple, own Create-a-Scene, Inc., a landscape design service in Chester County, where they have a two-acre garden and large greenhouse. Michael received a BS in plant science from Rutgers University.

Michael regularly volunteers as a lecturer at the Philadelphia International Flower Show, where his orchids have earned numerous blue ribbons and rosettes. He also leads container and trough workshops on his property, a favorite destination for many gardeners and PHS members.

Margo Eremus and Sherrill Rowland
Margo Eremus and Sherrill Rowland have been longtime partners in many PHS projects. Margo and Sherrill worked together for more than a decade on the Flower Show's Infonet Committee, which they co-chaired.

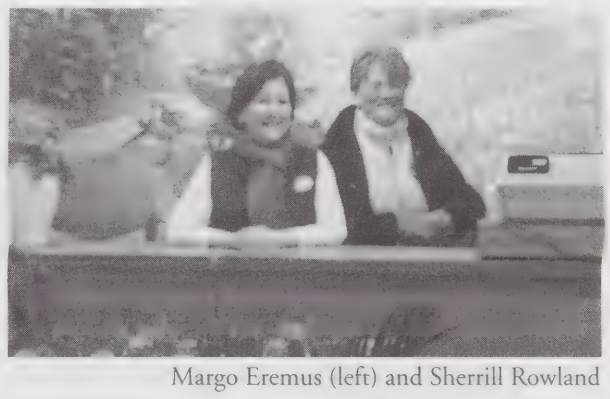
Their latest venture is organizing volunteers for the Meadowbrook Farm Store, which sells houseplants, herbs, perennials, Gold Medal shrubs, and gardening accessories on the exhibit floor of the Flower Show. They also help with Meadowbrook's booth at PHS Members' Day. Margo serves on the Azalea Garden Party Committee with her husband, Joe.

Sister Margaret McKenna
Sister Margaret McKenna is the garden coordinator for the New Jerusalem Now community garden in North Philadelphia. This special garden is managed for and by people currently living at New Jerusalem Now, a substance-abuse recovery program.

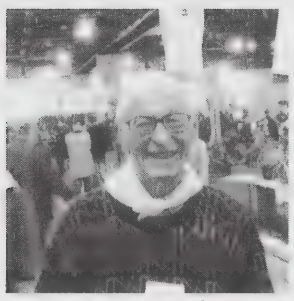
The garden participates in PHS's City Harvest project, which produces food for area food cupboards, and has been a winner in the PHS City Gardens Contest. Judges have commented that the "garden is a life force in North Philadelphia … its presence is an enormous contribution to the health and wellbeing of the community."

Michael Bowell

Sister Margaret McKenna


Margo Eremus (left) and Sherrill Rowland

Remembering John Swan


John Swan

Long-time PHS supporter John Swan was a friend, mentor, teacher, plant expert and enthusiast, volunteer, and fellow traveler beloved by many people at PHS and beyond.

John died March 8, the day after he visited the Philadelphia International Flower Show and attended one of his favorite Show-related events, the Philadelphia Green Brunch. Although weakened in the past year by Parkinson's disease, John's joyful spirit seemed as strong as ever to the legions of friends and admirers who saw him that day.

"He had the spirit of a real gardener," says former PHS President Jane Pepper, who also shared a love of dogs with John. (Standard poodles for Jane, Irish wolfhounds for John.)

Born in England in 1924, John and his late wife, Ann, settled in Chester County nearly 40 years ago and built their home and garden, "Frogmore," from scratch. Ann was a vegetable gardener and cook, and together they delighted in growing—and eating—peppers. After he retired in 1986 from DuPont Co., he devoted more time to travelling and gardening with Ann.

John was a consummate plant collector and adored the challenge of growing trees and shrubs "unsuitable" to his exquisitely designed Zone 6 garden. He was unflappable when it came to taxonomy; no need to haul out the RHS Encyclopedia of Plants and Flowers when John was around.

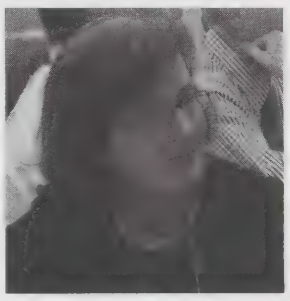
"What I loved most about being with John was his willingness to share his horticultural knowledge so freely and with so much enthusiasm," recalls Ann Granbery, a New Jersey-based landscape architect and Flower Show judge.

John was a member of the 1827 Society; a past member of PHS Council and the Flower Show Executive Committee; and, with Ann, an ardent volunteer at the PHS Harvest Show. In 1992 PHS awarded John and Ann the Certificate of Merit, noting them as "the perfect example of what happens when talented and dedicated people work together on a mutually interesting project."

Those lucky enough to know him will remember John for his warm and generous nature. To use one of his hallmark phrases, "You bet!"

– Betsie Blodgett

Remembering Joy Lawrence


Joy Lawrence

On March 20 PHS lost a dear friend and colleague, Joy Lawrence, a member of the Philadelphia Green staff for eight years. She died of complications from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Joy joined PHS in 2002 and initially managed contractors for Philadelphia Green's vacant land management program, which focuses on clearing debris from vacant lots and planting grass, trees, and fencing. "She elevated the standards for design and upkeep of our managed lots," says Philadelphia Green director Bob Grossmann, "and that continues to benefit everyone involved in the project." Joy was an early proponent of using the vacant lots for stormwater management by constructing natural swales and adding vegetation to collect and absorb rainfall.

Joy then served as manager of the parks team before assuming responsibility for PHS's partnership with TreeVitalize, a state-funded tree-planting and advocacy program.

Joy's talent and passion began to shine when she took on her last assignment as program manager of environmental initiatives. She helped implement several stormwater management landscape projects; was instrumental in PHS's work to engage community residents and partners to plan new open spaces along the Delaware Riverfront; and worked on "Sustainable 19125," an initiative designed to make that zip code the greenest in the city.

"The fruits of Joy's labor will begin to ripen as these projects are fully implemented over the next several years," says Philadelphia Green senior director Joan Reilly. "She particularly loved the idea of bringing the land, water, and people together."

In the course of her work, Joy helped establish a partnership between PHS and the Philadelphia Water Department. "When it came to community planning, Joy was a bit of a secret weapon," says Glen Abrams of the Water Department. "Her passion, insight, excitement, and vision were truly infectious. With Joy up front we were always quite assured that people would leave a meeting better informed and willing to stay involved."

Joy's wit and engaging stories won her many friends across PHS and among her numerous contacts in the field. Reilly adds, "Joy wanted so much to make big things happen. She wasn't content to be a dreamer; she had to get it done."

Education Programs

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Cooking with Herbs
Thursday, July 15, 10 am – 12 noon

It's July and the herbs you bought six weeks ago are going to seed! You need to use them faster. Join horticulturist **Diana K. Weiner** as she explores the pairings of herbs with different vegetables and meats and mixes up some of her favorite recipes to share with you. Bring a fork! **Limit 30. Fee $35 members, $40 non-members.**

Walk: An Evening in the Garden
Tuesday, August 10, 6 – 8 pm

Join us for a cool evening at Meadowbrook Farm strolling through the house and lovely gardens, and then relax over wine and light refreshments. Meadowbrook staff will guide tours and answer your gardening questions. The shop also will be open so you can pick up some garden treasures. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS

Botanical Illustration Workshop: Miniature Garden Portraits in Colored Pencil
Two Tuesdays, June 22 & 29, 10 am – 3 pm

During this workshop, taught by **Eileen Rosen**, you will create a charming, intimate "portrait" of a garden you love. We will begin by learning and practicing colored-pencil techniques, and then learn to reduce and eliminate the extraneous details of the larger landscape. All levels of experience are welcome. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. **Limit: 15. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Light it Up!
Thursday, June 10, 6 – 8 pm

Late May to early June is the height of the gardening season in the Mid Atlantic. Bulbs, perennials, hardy annuals, flowering shrubs, and trees are all going at once! Chanticleer horticulturist **Joe Henderson** will be our guide as we talk about how it all comes together, as well as how to keep the color charging ahead. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Design Principles for the Home Garden
Wednesday, June 16, 6 – 8 pm

If you are not sure where to start or when you need some inspiration for your garden, five simple design principles can help. **Dan Benarcik** will discuss these principles as he guides our walk, points out examples at Chanticleer, and tells us how these strategies can be applied in the home landscape. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Opportunistic Gardening
Thursday, June 17, 6 – 8 pm

Being an opportunist in gardening is a good thing—the equivalent of being an entrepreneur in business. This class will cover gardening in small spaces, awkward spaces, and with limited water, soil, and light. **Przemek Walczak** will discuss how to "acquire" plants (through propagation by various methods) when working with a limited budget. He'll talk about containers, ornaments, and trellises, as well as which tools are overrated and which ones you really need. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Herban Renewal
Wednesday, June 23, 6 – 8 pm

Yvonne England will offer tips on planting, growing, harvesting, and using your home-grown herbs. She will present a planting plan for herbs that offers you the biggest rewards in the shortest amount of time. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Summer Seasonal Walk
Thursday, June 24, 6 – 8 pm

June is the most wonderful time for a walk in the garden. Horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will answer your plant questions as we tour Chanticleer—awash in color, foliage, and fragrance. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Plant ID: Botany for Beginners
Wednesday, July 7, 6 – 8 pm

Have you ever wondered how lilies differ from daylilies and how they are related, or why abutilon is related to rose of Sharon? Using Chanticleer's flower gardens as a laboratory, **Robert Herald** will discuss basic facts of plant morphology and how this relates to classification and identification. During this hands-on class, we will learn how to look at garden plants with a botanist's eye. Leaf shapes and arrangement, plant habit, and flower parts will be investigated using simple terms and explanations. This class is ideal for gardeners who want to gain a deeper understanding of plants. The evening will conclude with the identification of a variety of garden plants using a botanical key. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

House and Garden Tour
Wednesday, July 14, 6 – 8 pm

Built in 1913, Chanticleer was part of the Country Place Era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many businessmen and industrialists built expansive country estates away from the noise and congestion of cities. Designed initially as a summer home close to railroad transportation from Philadelphia, the house was enlarged in 1924 to become a year-round residence. This tour will include the ground floor of the main house with an emphasis on the relationship of the house to the greater landscape. We will learn about house contents and family history from archivist **Anne Sims**, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss the gardens. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Sensational Summer Containers
Thursday, July 22, 6 – 8 pm

Container gardening at Chanticleer goes way beyond the ordinary, mingling annual, perennial, tropical, and subtropical plants in vibrant, highly creative combinations. **Dan Benarcik** will discuss how to create successful container gardens and will offer suggestions for appealing plant combinations. He'll also talk about cultural concerns such as soil mixes, watering, and fertilization. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Water Features for Every Garden
Wednesday, July 28, 6 – 8 pm

No garden of any size should be without a water feature. Water attracts wildlife and instantly transforms mood by adding the vibrancy of movement. Check out the exciting water features at Chanticleer with a walk and talk by pond and creek gardener **Joe Henderson**. We will look at various water features, how they function, and how you can incorporate their music in your own space. We will also look at plants well suited for a wet environment. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email ***programreg@pennhort.org.***

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

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Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
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Walk: The Mixed Summer Border
Wednesday, August 4, 6 – 8 pm

If you've ever wondered how to achieve that "wow" factor in your own garden, take this opportunity to study lush mixed borders on this walk through the summer gardens at Chanticleer. **Lisa Roper** will look at specific borders and deconstruct each planting. She'll discuss the various elements that make up a successful mixed border, highlighting perennials, annuals, bulbs, and woody plants. She will also offer tips for successful succession planting and four-season interest. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Small Space, Big Impact—From "How?" To "Wow!"
Thursday, August 12, 6 – 8 pm

Do you have a small back yard or garden and struggle to come up with the right design? Should the design be open and sparse or full and dense? How do you achieve a lush effect with limited planting space? Join **Jonathan Wright** for a walk through many of the smaller and more intimate spaces at Chanticleer to see great plants and learn design concepts that make the most impact in small areas. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Green Gardening Practices
Wednesday, August 18, 6 – 8 pm

The "Green" movement is happening everywhere, including at Chanticleer. Chanticleer has undertaken a strategic goal to safeguard the environment, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss how the garden's green practices can help us lessen our own impact on our planet's limited resources every time we garden. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

COACH TRIP

Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens and US Botanic Garden
Tuesday, June 15
7:15 am – approximately 7:30 pm

This trip will take us to two exceptional, yet very different historically important gardens in the Washington DC area.

Beginning at the Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens we will have a tour of the mansion and enjoy the gardens on our own. Founded in 1955 by American art collector and heiress to the Post cereal empire Marjorie Merriweather Post, Hillwood is one of the premier collector's museums in the United States. The museum features the most comprehensive collection of Russian imperial art outside of Russia and a world-renowned collection of eighteenth-century French decorative art and furnishings. Included are Fabergé eggs, Russian porcelain, Russian Orthodox icons, Beauvais tapestries, and Sèvres porcelain.

Encircled by woodlands, the twenty-five-acre estate offers a tranquil oasis of luscious formal gardens, which include a French parterre, Japanese-inspired pleasure garden, rose garden, lunar lawn with flower bed edging, and cutting garden. Extensive greenhouses hold Mrs. Post's famous collection of more than 2,500 orchids.

Hillwood Estate

We will have lunch at Hillwood and then travel to the United States Botanic Garden for a guided tour of the conservatory. One of the oldest botanic gardens in the country, the US Botanic Garden highlights the diversity of plants worldwide, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic, and ecological significance. Conservatory exhibits feature jungle to desert to primeval paradise gardens. The outdoor gardens offer the finest of Mid-Atlantic plants, and Bartholdi Park, across Independence Avenue, demonstrates a variety of approaches to the home landscape.

Pick-up will be at PHS or at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park (please specify preferred location). Fee includes the coach, snacks and wine on the bus, lunch and the garden tours. **Limit: 35. Fee: $95 PHS members, $115 non members.**

IN THE GARDEN

Falcon Turn Daylily Garden Southampton, NJ
Thursday, July 8, 10 am – 12 noon

Falcon Turn Daylily Garden is a private collection of more than 1,200 hybrid daylilies and species. Its flower beds are filled with a wide variety of daylilies, from old classics to newer hybrids. The large display beds include all colors, single and double flowers, re-bloomers, spiders, and several of the garden's own creations. Falcon Turn owner **Jane Guillard** will welcome our group, talk about her garden and her passion for daylilies, and share daylily gardening tips. Potted daylily plants and freshly dug bare-root daylilies will be available for purchase. You are welcome to bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy on the garden patio after the program. Directions will be mailed with registration confirmation. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Keeping the Summer Flower Garden Fresh at Hedgleigh Spring Swarthmore, PA
Tuesday, July 13, 10 am – 12 noon

Remember those glorious days in May when every week brought new colors and fragrance into your garden and landscape? In June the flower border is alive with brilliant color and beautifully orchestrated textural contrasts. Then July sets in, and in many gardens there seems to be a lull. **Charles Cresson** will share his suggestions and maintenance techniques to help you lift your flower garden out of the summer doldrums and keep it fresh during late summer and into the fall.

Charles Cresson is a garden designer, consultant, photographer, and author. His garden, Hedgleigh Spring, is known for its superb collection of plants and combinations and four seasons of interest. He is the author of three books: *Charles Cresson on the American Flower Garden, Ornamental Trees,* and *Rock Gardening.* He also wrote the guidebook to Meadowbrook Farm. Directions will be mailed with registration confirmation. **Limit: 20. Fee: $20 members, $25 non-members.**

CONFERENCE

Woody Plant Conference
Friday, July 16, 2010
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

The 2010 Woody Plant Conference offers a full day of presentations on a range of horticultural topics, including tree, shrub, and vine introductions from the wild; dealing with dysfunctional roots; woody plants on the High Line in New York City; and more.

Speakers include **Tim Boland**, nationally recognized author, photographer, and lecturer and executive director of the Polly Hill Arboretum on Martha's Vineyard; **Patrick Cullina**, vice president of horticulture and park operations for Friends of the High Line; **John Grimshaw**, gardens manager at Colesbourne Park in Gloucestershire, England, and principal author of *New Trees, Recent Introductions to Cultivation*; **Dan Hinkley**, former owner of Heronswood Nursery in Kingston, Washington, and author of *The Explorer's Garden: Shrubs and Vines from the Four Corners of the World*; and **Gary Johnson**, a professor of urban and community forestry at the University of Minnesota and a practicing arborist and landscape manager.

The Woody Plants Conference is co-sponsored by PHS, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and the Tyler Arboretum. The conference includes lunch and tours of the Scott Arboretum.

To request a registration form, please visit *woodyplantconference.org* or call the continuing education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507.

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS
Monthly third Tuesday,
April through October, 5 – 6 pm
2301 Market St., Philadelphia

Want to learn about exciting "green roof" technology? PHS will lead tours of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters on the third Tuesday of the month, April through October. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, and pre-registration at least two days before the tour is required. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Fee: $5 PHS members, $10 non-members.**

PHS Gardening Series

The PHS Gardening Series events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Kitchen Garden in a Pot
Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

Rain Gardens
Wednesday, June 2, 6 – 7 pm
Wadsworth Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1500 Wadsworth Avenue

Small Space Gardens: Window Boxes
Saturday, June 5, 10 – 11 am
Bardascino Park
10th & Carpenter streets

All About Annuals
Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Holmesburg Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
7810 Frankford Avenue

Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces
Wednesday, June 9, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

Designing and Planting Window Boxes
Saturday, June 12, 10 – 11 am
Dickinson Square Park
Parsons Building (located inside the park)
4th & Tasker Streets

What Weed is This?
Saturday, June 19, 10 – 11 am
Schuylkill River Park Community Garden
Enter at 25th & Spruce streets
4th & Tasker Streets

All about Roses
Saturday, July 17, 10 – 11 am
Dickinson Square Park
Parsons Building (inside the park)

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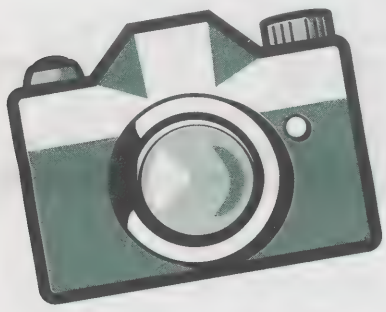
Win a New Digital Camera!

Enter the 2010 Green Scene *magazine "Garden Photo Contest"*

Love taking pictures? If so, we want to see your best photos of flowers, gardens, houseplants, landscapes, or people enjoying the outdoors for the 2010 Green Scene "Garden Photo Contest." The judges will look for knock-out images that capture the joy of gardening and nature. Winning photos will be published in the January/February 2011 issue of *Green Scene* magazine and on the PHS website.



Photos can be shot in any format, but must be submitted as 4 x 6- or 5 x 7-inch prints with your name, phone number, and email address on the back. No submissions by email or on CD will be accepted. **Submissions must include the entry form (available online) and full payment. The deadline for entries is September 15, 2010.**

Special Horticulture Classes for 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show

A list of "named" bulb selections for the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show is available on the Flower Show website (*theflowershow.com/Exhibits/ccinfo.html*) or by emailing *fsguide@pennhort.org*. Challenge plants and all other Horticulture classes will be listed in the 2011 *Exhibitor's Guide*, available in September.

Drew Becher awarded "Best in Show" ribbons to participants in the Junior Flower Show at the PHS Kids Grow Expo on April 23.

McLean Library Book Sale

Wednesday, October 6
9:30 am – 5 pm

Mark your calendar to attend the annual McLean Library Book Sale! Buy new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices. Between 4 and 5 pm, buy as many books as you can fit into a grocery bag for one dollar! Book sale proceeds benefit the McLean Library.

Gardeners, this is a wonderful opportunity to recycle your used books by donating them for the sale. We are seeking books on gardens, plants, the landscape and natural history. Donations will be accepted at the McLean Library between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, until September 24. Questions? Call 215-988-8772 or send email to *pbecrofi@pennhort.org*.

New Vendor Offers PHS Member Discounts

We are pleased to announce that the following vendor now offers a discount to PHS Members:

Spring Valley Nurseries
4038 Route 202, Doylestown, PA 18902
215-794-7159
10 percent off any purchase, excluding sale items, bulk materials, and labor for installation

You must present an active PHS membership card to receive this discount. To request a duplicate card or to renew your membership, please contact Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-1622.

We are always looking for new vendors to participate in our Members' Discount Program. If you would like to recommend a specific garden center or nursery in your area, please contact Allison Burkhart in Member Services at 215-988-1628 or *aburkhart@pennhort.org*. To view the full list of vendors, visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "Membership."

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New Name For Members' Day!

PHS Fall Garden Festival coming on September 11

PHS members enjoy a variety of events and activities throughout the year. One important annual fall event is PHS Members' Day. In 2010, Members' Day will become the **PHS Fall Garden Festival**, and over time it will be one of the most looked-to garden events of the season, an attraction for the public to learn more about PHS and experience the joys of membership.

The PHS Fall Garden Festival will be held on September 11, 11am to 4pm, rain or shine at the Navy Yard in South Philadelphia. It will continue to provide PHS members with a great selection of free plants (shrubs, trees, perennials, houseplants) from the **Plant Dividend** and a host of activities aimed at gardeners. *Sustaining and 1827 Society members receive early entry to the Plant Dividend Tent starting at 9am.*

Experts from Meadowbrook Farm will answer gardening questions and have for sale an exceptional collection of plants and gifts that are the hallmark of the Meadowbrook name. Meadowbrook is part of the PHS family as an official affiliate organization. The PHS Gold Medal Plant award winners will be available for sale, and more than 30 other vendors will offer plants and gardening tools, including a PHS shop with Flower Show merchandise. And, best of all, your purchases at PHS booths and during the Live Auction at 1:30pm will support year-round PHS greening efforts. Be sure to **bring your membership card** with you for extra savings.

Please help us grow the PHS Fall Garden Festival by inviting your friends and encouraging them to become members. Everyone is welcome, and all guests can join at the Membership Tent. Admission and parking are free. For more information, directions and a complete list of activities, please visit *PHSonline.org*.

PHS Fall Garden Festival Special Attractions:

- PHS Members' Plant Dividend—free plants—bring your membership card
- Plant Society Spectacular! Plants and specialists will be on hand
- Guided Tours of Navy Yard on the half-hour, 11am – 1pm
- Horticultural Demonstrations at 11am, 12, and 3pm
- Farmers Market
- Children's Activities
- Live Auction at 1:30pm including specimen plants and Flower Show props
- Exceptional Plant Sale from Meadowbrook Farm
- Gift incentives for new and renewing members
- Musical Group "Prose and Dover"
- The Green Stop—recycling drop-off for horticultural plastics #2, #5, and #6 (pots, inserts, fruit baskets, hanging baskets, trays). *Thank you for bringing your plastics clean and dry.*
- Gardeners' Marketplace—crafts, plants, garden accessories and more

Directions:
From I-95, take Broad Street Exit 17; follow signs for Navy Yard Parade Ground. SEPTA bus #17 to Navy Yard; check *septa.org* or call 215-580-7800.

See page 2 for Gardeners' Marketplace vendors.

Groundbreaking at Rodin Museum

PHS President Drew Becher and Mayor Michael Nutter participated in a groundbreaking ceremony on June 7 for renovation of the Rodin Museum landscape and streetscape improvements along the 2100 and 2200 blocks of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City. Parkway improvements will also include a new park on the east side of Logan Square. "In the coming years these projects will make Philadelphia's front yard greater, greener, and more beautiful," Becher told the crowd during his remarks.

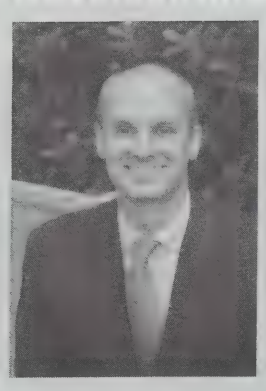
The projects are a collaborative effort of PHS, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and Fairmount Park and are funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the William Penn Foundation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the City of Philadelphia.

PHS Receives William Penn Foundation Grant

PHS has received a $1 million grant from the William Penn Foundation for Philadelphia Green initiatives over the next year.

The funds will support work with community groups to revitalize and maintain neighborhood parks, including the formation of friends groups to help care for two new parks being planned adjacent to the Delaware River—at the Race Street Pier and Pier 53. It will also help fund PHS's GreenSource lecture series and tree planting campaign, a partnership with the city of Philadelphia to plant 300,000 new trees by 2015.

"We are grateful for the generous support from the William Penn Foundation. Their confidence in PHS makes it possible for us to collaborate with others to help make Philadelphia the greenest, most sustainable city in America," says Joan Reilly, senior director of Philadelphia Green.



Focus on Autumn

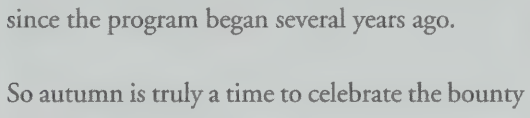
In the last two months as president of PHS, I've gotten an on-the-ground view of the quality of our work and our impact on the community. From the Flower Show to the Azalea Garden to the neighborhood pocket parks, I can feel PHS's presence in the quality of horticulture I see and also in the way we transform communities. And I'm excited to build on this amazing portfolio of accomplishments as we move into the future.

Fall is a particularly busy time at PHS. We're gearing up for the Fall Garden Festival, as well as the Flower Show and a myriad of educational opportunities for our members and constituents. PHS also received word that the William Penn Foundation had awarded $1 million toward our Philadelphia Green program. William Penn has been a longtime supporter of PHS. We are enormously grateful for this exceptional grant that will fund our work with community groups to revitalize and maintain neighborhood parks, including the formation of a friends group to help care for two new parks being planned adjacent to the Delaware River. It will also help fund PHS's newly launched tree planting campaign, which I will talk about more as we begin this effort with the City of Philadelphia to plant 300,000 trees. It will support PHS's acclaimed GreenSource lecture series as well. Our heartfelt thanks to the William Penn Foundation.

Our City Harvest program continues to produce fresh vegetables that are distributed to more than 900 families weekly. To date, more than 62,000 pounds of organic produce has been harvested since the program began several years ago.

So autumn is truly a time to celebrate the bounty of the season, and as you will read in this issue of the PHS News, members are invited to celebrate with us at the PHS Garden Festival. This event is a re-titled and expanded version of the PHS Members' Day held in past years and a place where members can enjoy fall activities and take home a plant grown by other members at the Plant Dividend. Please invite your friends and family to come to the Garden Festival and to join as a member. We would very much like to grow the membership, and your help to attract new enthusiastic gardeners is so important to that effort. Plus, they won't want to miss out on this year's outstanding horticultural selections.

In my journey during the past few weeks, I've also come to appreciate how much our members and volunteers support us and invest in PHS's mission. There are so many ways to volunteer. If you have some time and enjoy working in the garden or the office, please visit our website or call 215-988-8800. Most of all, I look forward to seeing you at the PHS Fall Garden Festival on September 11!



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What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Say goodbye to summer and usher in autumn with two enjoyable outdoor events. Up first is the **PHS Fall Garden Festival on Saturday, September 11** (see front page). Meadowbrook Farm will be there with a satellite shop on the Festival promenade. If you haven't been to Meadowbrook Farm, this is the perfect opportunity to get acquainted with its beautiful plants and gifts. **PHS members receive a 10 percent discount on all plant purchases at Meadowbrook Farm—both at the Festival and year-round.**

Later in the month, on **Saturday, September 25**, comes the **Meadowbrook Farm Fall Open House** (10 am to 5 pm). Enjoy Meadowbrook's full selection of offerings. The sales yard will feature plants with seasonal interest for your fall garden, such as perennials, tropicals, grasses, shade plants, and patio pots.

At the Fall Open House you will also have an opportunity to tour the estate and formal gardens. As always, there will be a craft activity for the kids, plus mini-lectures throughout the day and free refreshments for all. Bring the entire family for this day of simple pleasures!

SHOP! Meadowbrook Farm
$5 off your purchase of $50 or more

Coupon valid August 1 - September 24, 2010. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase and may not be combined with other offers. One coupon per customer per day. Discount taken after PHS Member discount. Discount does not apply to tax, service or delivery charges.

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MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Fall Garden Festival

Shops in the Gardeners' Marketplace

Gold Medal Plant Award Display and Shop
Meadowbrook Farm
Philadelphia Flower Show Shoppe

Aquascapes Unlimited
Bennett Compost
Bohemian Crafts Company
Dot's Daylilies
Dutchman Fountains
Glam de Fleur
Greenable
Hickory Hill Heath & Heather
Indiago
Lighting by Fillman
Marcasite & More
Oil Creations by Gail
ONICE
Orchid Doctor
Pine Knot Farms
Sallie May's Warm Heart
Tilger & Boylan
Valentine Gardens
Waldor Orchids

Volunteers Welcome

Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities at the PHS Fall Garden Festival. If you would like to help, please contact Alexis Carnuccio at 215-988-1622 or *acarnuccio@pennhort.org.*

In the Spotlight

Jenny Rose Carey

As the daughter of a botanist and granddaughter of a farmer, Jenny Rose Carey was perhaps pre-destined for a life filled with plants and gardens. And that is certainly how things have turned out.

A garden historian and director of the Ambler Arboretum at Temple University, Jenny is an active PHS volunteer. This June she became chair of the PHS Education Committee, which works with the staff to strategize and plan effective education and outreach initiatives. She is also a long-time Flower Show volunteer, currently serving as co-chair of the Horticulture Information Booth. "Everyone who comes to the Flower Show gets educated in some way," she says.

Born in Kent, England, Jenny holds degrees in biology, education, and horticulture and has taught in both England and the United States, including at the Barnes Foundation and Temple University. She gives lectures throughout the country on a variety of topics, including gardens in the Jazz Age; women in horticulture; and xeriscaping, or gardening in a way that conserves water. She frequently makes use of the PHS McLean Library for research. "I can't say enough good things about the Library," says Jenny. "From the glass lantern slides to the historical pamphlets and books, its resources are invaluable."

Carey's four-and-a-half-acre property in Ambler, Northview, is an eclectic mix of distinct gardens that she has developing for more than 20 years. She and her American-born husband, Gus, often open the garden for tours. (Northview was profiled in *Green Scene* magazine in July 2008). A strong proponent of sustainable gardening, Jenny is especially proud of her Mediterranean-inspired garden, mulched with gravel, which she hasn't watered for six years.

"Conserving water is something we are all going to have to think about, no matter in which part of the country we live," she says.

Educating gardeners about the need to do things in new ways is very much on Jenny's mind as she takes on a new leadership role at PHS. "We're very excited to have Jenny as our new committee chair," says Pat James, director of Education Services. "She has great energy and terrific ideas."

PHS Helps Create "Green Jobs"

Through Philadelphia Green, PHS is not only creating, restoring, and enhancing green spaces throughout the city, but thanks to three innovative programs, it is also helping to promote "green jobs" and improving job readiness skills for those entering the work force.

This summer marks the fifth year for Philadelphia Green's **YES (Youth Environmental Stewardship)** program, which employs young people to help care for and improve neighborhoood parks throughout the city. A partnership between Philadelphia Green and the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation, YES provides six weeks of paid employment for 56 high school students who perform a variety of tasks, from clearing and building trails to planting gardens and trees. The program introduces the students to environmental careers and emphasizes team-building and leadership; a rotating scheldule allows each person to take on a leadership role at some point during the summer.

"The students and their communities benefit from cleaner, safer parks, and the parks benefit from the energy and enthusiasm of these young people," says Claire Baker of Philadelphia Green.

Launched in 2001, the Philadelphia Green Vacant Land Management Program employs more than 100 people who install and maintain grass, fencing, and trees on formerly blighted vacant lots, "stabilizing" the lots for future use. The related Community LandCare program annually provides work for more than 80 community residents who clean and mow vacant land in their neighborhoods.

Community LandCare now also offers part-time employment and training for adults in partnership with **PhillyWorks**, a city initiative launched by Mayor Michael Nutter that aims to transition part-time workers to full-time employment. PhillyWorks participants earn money while enrolled in the program by cleaning streets in commercial zones. Enrollees in the 12-week program take part in literacy workshops, weekly career counseling, and on-site training.

"Even though PhillyWorks isn't limited to green-collar jobs, it's important that participants recognize the opportunities available in that sector, including beautification, park maintenance, litter prevention, and other career paths in urban greening," says Philadelphia Green's Shawn Kilgallon.

Roots to Re-entry participants removed invasive vines as part of their landscaping training at Bartram's Garden.

In another green jobs pilot program, inmates from the Philadelphia Prison System (PPS) receive eight weeks of landscaping training through a Philadelphia Green initiative called **Roots to Re-entry**, a partnership among PHS; the Prison System; Bartram's Garden; and KJK Associates, a local landscaping firm. The inmates perform landscaping work at Bartram's Garden, a historic garden located in southwest Philadelphia. The five graduates of the first class, which ended in June, entered a work-release program with KJK Associates. A total of 15 graduates of three sessions are expected to be placed in work-release by the end of the summer.

Roots to Re-entry is a component of PHS's widely heralded City Harvest program, in which prison inmates start vegetable seedlings that are grown to maturity in community gardens throughout Philadelphia and then donated to food cupboards. Roots to Re-entry expands on that program in an effort to maximize the opportunity for job placement.

"The commitment and energy of the trainees has been outstanding, and they've had a great impact on the landscape at Bartram's Garden," says Philadelphia Green director Bob Grossmann. "The program will give PPS inmates a chance to learn new skills and secure meaningful employment upon their release."

PhillyWorks is a collaboration between PHS, the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board, the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation/Career Link, the Philadelphia Department of Commerce and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

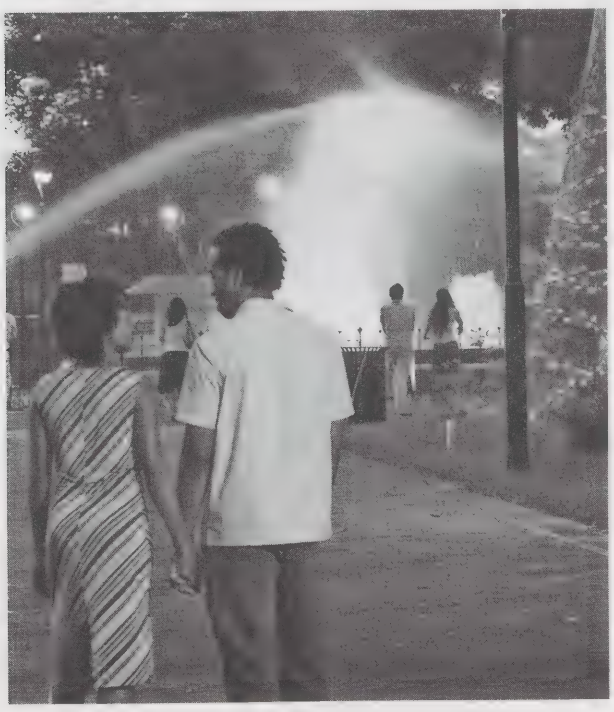
Roots to Re-entry is funded by the Scattergood Foundation and the Philadelphia Foundation.

YES is funded by Bank of America, the Kate Svitek Memorial Foundation, ERM Foundation, Fairmount Park Conservancy, and the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation.

To learn how **you can support** one of these projects, please contact the PHS Development office at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org*.

Enjoy Free Events in City Parks this Summer and Fall

From concerts to flea markets to movie nights, more than 150 free events will be offered this summer and fall in neighorhood parks throughout Philadelphia as part of the **Summer in the Neighborhood** series. The series is sponsored by Philadelphia Green, the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation, and PNC Bank. For more information, please visit *PHSonline.org*.



Become a Tree Tender!

The PHS **Tree Tenders project**, in partnership with Penn State Cooperative Extension, offers nine hours of hands-on tree care training for Pennsylvania residents. The free training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community. Fall training dates are as follows:

Chester County
Kennett Area Senior Center
427 South Walnut Street
Kennett Square, PA
Tuesdays – September 14, 21, 28, 6 – 9 pm

Bucks County
Newtown Township Municipal Complex
Administration Building
100 Municipal Drive (off Route 413)
Newtown, PA
Thursdays – Sept. 23, 30 & Oct. 14, 6 – 9 pm

Philadelphia
PHS
100 N. 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA
Wednesdays – October 13, 20, 27, 5:45 – 8:45 pm

To register or for more information, please contact:
For Philadelphia: Mindy Maslin
215-988-8844, *mmaslin@pennhort.org*

For Bucks & Chester counties: Barley Van Clief,
215-988-8793, *bvanclief@pennhort.org*

SAVE THE DATE

Love Your Park: Fall Park Cleanup
Saturday, November 13
For more information, please contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1611.

Legacy Landscapes Campaign Meets McLean Contributionship Challenge

As we close in on our $12.1 million goal for the *Legacy Landscapes* endowment campaign to support the horticultural maintenance of PHS civic and neighborhood landscape projects, we are delighted to announce that PHS has met the McLean Contributionship Challenge! The challenge matched campaign gifts and pledges between $2,500 and $25,000, and by meeting the challenge, PHS was awarded matching funds of $200,000. Many thanks to the McLean Contributionship and to the many PHS donors who participated in this challenge.

As of June 15, 2010, Legacy Landscapes has raised $9,345,781 in gifts, pledges and deferred gifts. For more information or to make a gift to the campaign, please contact Melissa DeRuiter, senior director of Development (215-988-8766 or *mderuiter@pennhort.org*) or visit PHSonline.org and click on "*Legacy Landscapes* Endowment Campaign."

The renovated landscape at Logan Square will receive funds from the *Legacy Landscapes* endowment fund.

PHS Meets $10,000 Challenge from the Independence Foundation

PHS is thrilled to announce that, thanks to the support of our members and donors, we met the Independence Foundation Challenge for the 2009-2010 Annual Fund campaign by raising more than $10,000 in new and increased gifts! Many thanks to all of our enthusiastic donors who increased their gifts, or made gifts above and beyond their membership dues, to support our Philadelphia Green program through the Annual Fund.

We are also happy to say that the Independence Foundation has awarded PHS a renewed grant for the **2010-2011 Annual Fund** campaign! To participate in the Challenge and double your support to PHS, please visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "Give to the 2011 PHS Annual Fund" or contact the Development Office at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org*.

Matching Gifts

Many companies have matching gift programs that double or even triple employee gifts to PHS, and your employer may be one of them! Some companies also match gifts of retirees, spouses, surviving spouses, and outside directors. Check with your employer's human resources department for further information on how you can increase your support to PHS.

On June 16 the Greene Countrie Garden Club hosted a reception at Meadowbrook Farm for members of other local garden clubs to meet PHS President Drew Becher. The garden club representatives enjoyed a beautiful garden tour, homemade refreshments, and shopping at the Meadowbrook Farm garden center and gift shop. Please see page 2 to learn about upcoming events and member discounts at Meadowbrook Farm.

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE, PHS ANNUAL FUND

Yes! I/we wish to support the 2010-2011 **PHS Annual Fund** and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

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I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership.

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Mail To: PHS Annual Fund, PHS, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Support PHS through the United Way (ID # 06197)

As United Way workplace campaigns roll out across the region this fall, we hope that you will consider directing your United Way contribution to PHS. Simply note Donor Option ID #06197 on your pledge card.

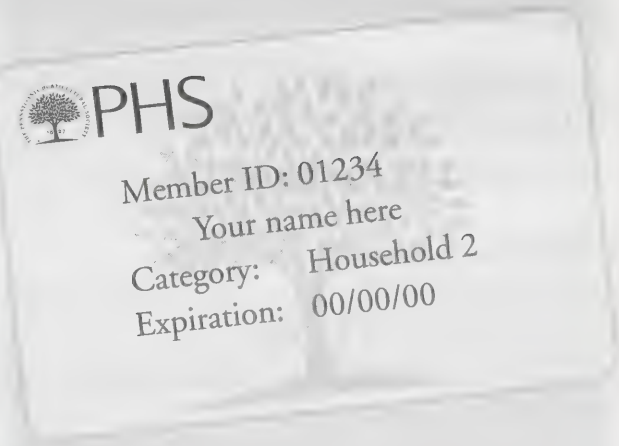
Longtime PHS 1827 Society member and supporter Penny Harris graciously hosted more than 100 guests at the annual 1827 Society garden party in May.

PNC Presents 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show

Springtime in Paris, March 6 – 13

The 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Springtime in Paris*, will celebrate the City of Light from March 6 through 13 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Says Flower Show Designer Sam Lemheney. "The Show will give visitors a taste of Parisian culture and horticulture while inspiring them to create wonderful gardens at home."

Renew your PHS membership now to ensure that you'll receive free tickets to the 2011 Flower Show.



McLean Library Book Discussion Schedule for 2010-2011

Join the McLean Library's "Stories from the Garden" book discussion group, now in its tenth year! Each month we'll read and discuss works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with nature, the land, gardening, or plants. The group meets monthly in the McLean Library from 5:45 to 7:45 pm from October through June (skipping the month of March). Our discussions are free and open to all, but registration is required. To register, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772.

2010-2011 Schedule and Reading List:

October 14	Mark Twain. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
November 4	Nathaniel Hawthorne. *The Scarlet Letter*
December 2	Nathaniel Popkin. The Possible City: *Exercises in Dreaming Philadelphia*
January 6	*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (Simon Armitage, translator)
February 3	William Maxwell. *Selected Stories* (honoring the 2011 Flower Show theme *Springtime in Paris*)
April 7	Rebecca Skloot. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
May 5	Jared Diamond. *Guns, Germs and Steel*
June 2	Virginia Woolf. *To the Lighthouse*

Renew Your Membership Today to Lock In Current Rates!

PHS recently sent notification that membership rates will increase on September 1. If you renew your membership before September 1, you can pay the current rate, regardless of when your membership expires. Your membership (and free Flower Show tickets) will be extended for another calendar year from the expiration date listed on your membership card. To renew your PHS membership today, please visit *PHSonline.org* (click on "Membership") or contact the Member Services department at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-1622, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm.

SAVE THE DATE: McLean Library Book Sale

Wednesday, October 6, 9:30 am – 5 pm

Mark your calendar to attend the annual McLean Library Book Sale! Buy new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices. Between 4 and 5 pm, buy as many books as you can fit into a grocery bag for one dollar! Book sale proceeds benefit the McLean Library.

Gardeners, this is a wonderful opportunity to recycle your used books by donating them for the sale. We are seeking books on gardens, plants, the landscape, natural history and—new this year—fiction. Donations will be accepted at the McLean Library between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, until September 24. Questions? Call 215-988-8772 or send an email to *pbecroft@pennhort.org*.

2010 PHS Annual Meeting

Attend the Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, November 9

Please join us for the PHS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 9 at 5 pm at PHS headquarters (100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia). We will elect new members of PHS Council, present the 2010 PHS Annual Awards, and take up other PHS business.

The Council has approved the nomination of the following members for **re-election** to second three-year terms, starting on November 9, 2010: Heather Ascher, Thomas L. Bennett, Leslie Anne Miller, John F. O'Rourke, Paul A. Reid, and Patricia L. Smith.

In addition, the Nominating Committee will place in nomination for **election** to three-year terms, beginning on November 9, 2010, the following persons:

Roberta Dranoff has a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Pennsylvania and worked as a grants administrator and development manager for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. She is a docent at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Roberta served as chair of the 2010 Flower Show Preview Party Committee, and is a member of the Flower Show Executive Committee.

Margaret McCarvill is the global supply chain director for Dow Coating Materials. She has an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a BA from Villanova University. She and her husband, Stephen Amadio, enjoy developing their garden in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Margaret is vice president of the Neighborhood Gardens Association, a Philadelphia Land Trust, and serves on the PHS Finance Committee.

Robin M. Potter spent 20 years in the computer services industry before turning her focus to horticulture. She completed the Barnes Foundation Arboretum course and become a Master Gardener in Camden County. A lecturer and garden design consultant, she serves on the Haddonfield, New Jersey, Shade Tree Commission and the Board of the Haddonfield Civic Association. Robin chairs the PHS Plant Dividend Committee, serves as a Flower Show tour guide, and judges for the PHS City Gardens Contest and Community Greening Award.

Frank J. Soucek is director of business development for Delaware Valley Wholesale Florist in Sewell, NJ. He serves on PHS's Flower Show Executive Committee.

Proxy Form

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Annual Meeting of Members
November 9, 2010

The undersigned hereby appoints John K. Ball, Morris Cheston, Jr., and Drew Becher, each of them the true and lawful attorneys of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, to be held at 5 pm on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members, all adult members of household should sign.
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign:

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Please return no later than October 22, 2010
Mail to:
PHS, Attn: Betsie Blodgett,
100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Fax to: 215-988-8810

Please return your signed proxy, we need your vote!

Education Programs

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Walk: An Evening in the Garden
Tuesday, August 10, 6 – 8 pm

Join us for a cool evening at Meadowbrook Farm strolling through the J. Liddon Pennock estate and lovely gardens, and then relax over wine and light refreshments. Meadowbrook staff will guide tours and answer your gardening questions. The shop will also be open so you can pick up some garden treasures. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Class: Composting and Putting Your Garden to Bed
Wednesday, October 13, 10 am - 12 noon

Fall is the time to think about general garden clean-up and preparing your plants for the cold months ahead. Some stems and stalks may remain for winter interest; others need a blanket or two to keep warm. **Glenn Ashton** will tell you how to make your short list of chores easy and fun! What to do with all the trimmings? Glenn will discuss how to compost them to turn them into black gold for your garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS
100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia

Class: Treasures of the PHS McLean Library
Four Wednesdays: October 6, 13, 27 & November 3, 6 – 7:30 pm
(Note, no class October 20)
6 – 7:30 pm
McLean Library, first floor

Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler and **Janet Evans** will conduct this course focusing on images of American plants from materials in the PHS McLean Library. Beginning with mid-eighteenth-century naturalist Mark Catesby's *The Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands* and extending through the end of the nineteenth century, Dr. Schuyler will discuss the importance of descriptions and illustrations of American plants that appeared in print. Why were American plants so important to Europeans? How did these plants change the European landscape and economy? What do we know about the botanists, horticulturists, foresters, and artists who described and illustrated American plants?

Janet Evans will highlight rarely-seen curiosities from the collection, including a multi-volume work consisting of actual specimens of wood from American trees. Rare books, prints, and catalogs from the McLean Library will be displayed during each class.

Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler is curator emeritus of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences. He has taught at several universities as well as at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation, the Wagner Free Institute of Science, and PHS. Janet Evans is manager of the PHS McLean Library. **Limit: 20. Fee: $40 members, $50 non-members.**

Workshop: Botanical Illustration with Watercolor
Eight Tuesdays: October 12 – November 30, 10 am – 1 pm
PHS Classroom, 5th floor

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor and have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you! Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing colors, creating form and dimensionality, and a discussion of watercolor brushes and paper. We will work from live specimens, beginning with the simpler forms of fruits and vegetables. You must attend the first session of this popular eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome!

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members. Limit: 15.**

Library materials will be displayed during the "Treasures of the PHS McLean Library" class, which begins October 6.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Walk: The Mixed Summer Border
Wednesday, August 4, 6 – 8 pm

If you've ever wondered how to achieve that "wow" factor in your own garden, take this opportunity to study lush mixed borders on this walk through the summer gardens at Chanticleer. **Lisa Roper** will look at specific borders and deconstruct each planting. She'll discuss the various elements that make up a successful mixed border, highlighting perennials, annuals, bulbs, and woody plants. She will also offer tips for succession planting and four-season interest. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Small Space, Big Impact— From "How?" To "Wow!"
Thursday, August 12, 6 – 8 pm

Do you have a small back yard or garden and struggle to come up with the right design? Should the design be open and sparse or full and dense? How do you achieve a lush effect with limited planting space? Join **Jonathan Wright** for a walk through many of the smaller and more intimate spaces at Chanticleer to see great plants and learn design concepts that make the most impact in small areas. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

Name:_____ Member ID#: _____

Name of guest (if any):_____

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Telephone: _____ Email_____

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Card Number:_____ Expiration: _____ Card Security Code:_____

Signature:_____

☐ **I/We would like to support PHS education programs.**

Donation amount: _____ **(select payment method above).**

Education Programs

Walk: Green Gardening Practices
Wednesday, August 18, 6 – 8 pm

The "green" movement is happening everywhere, including at Chanticleer. Chanticleer has undertaken a strategic goal to safeguard the environment, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss how the garden's green practices can help us lessen our impact on our planet's limited resources every time we garden. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Bounty Hunters
Wednesday, September 15, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Join **Yvonne England** and **Doug Croft** for a stroll through Chanticleer's vegetable garden and cold frames to explore what is ripe for harvest. Yvonne and Doug will highlight some of the unusual plants in the vegetable world and discuss ways to prepare them that will tantalize your palate. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Autumn Walk
Wednesday, September 22, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

September brings cooler nights and renewed garden vigor. Many plants are at their peak at this time of year, including perennials like asters and ornamental grasses, as well as fall-blooming bulbs like colchicum. Of course, there are lots of vegetables ready to enjoy. **Lisa Roper** will be our guide. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

REGIONAL EVENTS

Evening Lecture: Hardy Bulbs in Deer Country—Winter, Spring, and Beyond
Monday, September 20, 7 pm
Wesley United Methodist Church,
Bethlehem, PA

Don't let deer deprive you of a spectacular bulb display. Many bulbs are surprisingly unpalatable to them. **Charles Cresson** will show you how, with careful selection, you can stretch the bloom season from late winter through spring and even into autumn. Most of these bulb varieties are suitable for intimate garden spaces and also can be naturalized for a grand landscape impact.

Charles Cresson is a garden designer, consultant, photographer, and author. His garden, Hedgleigh Spring, is known for its superb collection of plants, stunning combinations, and four seasons of interest. He is the author of three books: *Charles Cresson on the American Flower Garden, Ornamental Trees,* and *Rock Gardening*. He also wrote the guidebook to Meadowbrook Farm.

The lecture will be followed by light refreshments. Directions will be mailed with confirmation letters. This lecture is co-sponsored by PHS and the Hardy Plant Society. **Fee: $10 PHS and HPS members, $20 non-members.**

A Gathering of Gardeners
Saturday, October 9, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Medford Leas, Medford, NJ

Enjoy a day of learning at the lovely Lewis W. Barton Arboretum & Nature Preserve at Medford Leas with fellow gardening enthusiasts. Keynote speakers include **Jenny Rose Carey**, director of the Ambler Arboretum at Temple University, who will speak on *Women in Horticulture,* and **Jack Carman**, owner and founder of Design for Generations, on *The Benefits of Gardening in Your Daily Life.*

Breakout sessions include: Winterizing Roses and Selecting Hardy Roses for Your Garden, You Can Succeed with African Violets, Orchids for Beginners, Composting in your Home Garden, Plants for Pollination, and Bring your Garden Indoors with Effortless Arrangements. This event is cosponsored by PHS, Master Gardeners of Burlington County, and Medford Leas. **Fee: $35,** includes education sessions and lunch. **Seating is limited; please register by October 1 by calling Medford Leas at 609-654-3527, or visit *medfordleas.org*.**

CONFERENCE

Perennials Conference
Friday, October 15
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College

Topics and speakers include: Managing the Environment—An Adaptive Challenge, by Eric T. Fleisher; Gardening for a Hopeful Future, by Dale Hendricks; Plant Backstory, by Holly Scoggins; Meadows by Design, by John Greenlee; and Plants as Inspiration, by Piet Oudolf. The Promising Plant Forum returns this year. There will also be lunchtime and pre- and post-conference tours of the Scott Arboretum, as well as a Happy Hour after the conference. **Please visit *perennialplantconference.org* for more information and to register.**

SAVE THE DATE! COACH TRIP

Coach Trip to New York City Public Spaces
Wednesday, October 20

Stops will include Battery Park City, the High Line, and the New York Botanical Garden. More information to come. Please visit the calendar at *PHSonline.org* and check the October/November issue of *PHS News*.

Linda Walczak

The coach trip to New York City on October 20 will include a visit to the High Line, an award-winning park built on an unused elevated rail line in Manhattan.

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS
Monthly third Tuesday, through October
5 – 6 pm
2301 Market St., Philadelphia

Want to learn about exciting green roof technology? PHS leads tours of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters on the third Tuesday of the month, April through October. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, and pre-registration at least two days before the tour is required. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Fee: $5 PHS members, $10 non-members.**

PHS Gardening Series

The PHS Gardening Series events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Home Canning
Wednesday, August 4, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Ave.

Vertical Gardens
Saturday, August 14, 10 – 11 am
Dickinson Square Park
The Parsons Building (located inside the park)
4th and Tasker streets
Philadelphia, PA

Planting for Fall Color
Wednesday, August 18, 7 – 8 pm
Falls of Schuylkill Branch,
Free Library of Philadelphia
3501 Midvale Ave.

Fabulous Fall Containers
Thursday, August 19, 6 – 7 pm
Cedar Park
50th St. and Baltimore Ave.
Philadelphia, PA

Planting a Fall Vegetable Garden
Tuesday, August 24, 6 – 7 pm
J. Lewis Crozer Library
620 Engle Street
Chester, PA

Your Indoor Garden—Cacti and Succulents
Tuesday, September 14, 4 – 5 pm
Marrero Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
601 W. Lehigh Avenue

Gardening with Native Plants
Tuesday, September 21, 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Chestnut Hill Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
8711 Germantown Avenue

A Four-Season Garden
Tuesday, September 28, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Wadsworth Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1500 Wadsworth Avenue

Plants for Fall Containers
Wednesday, September 29, 6 – 7 pm
Paschalville Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6942 Woodland Avenue

PNC Support Gives Wings to PHS Kids Grow Expo

PNC's dedication to children's environmental education is evident in the many programs it supports throughout the year. In April, PNC was a "Transportation Angel," enabling seven Philadelphia-area schools to bring more than 450 students to the PHS Kids Grow Expo, held on Temple University's Ambler Campus in conjunction with the Temple EarthFest celebration.

In addition to supporting Kids Grow Expo, PNC will celebrate its 20th year as Presenting Sponsor of the Philadelphia International Flower Show in March 2011, when the theme will be *Springtime in Paris.*

2011 PHS Gold Medal Plants Announced

Four exceptional plants have been chosen for the 2011 PHS Gold Medal Plant Award! This year, the volunteer Gold Medal Award Committee selected four great plants that deserve a place in your garden. The selections include three cultivars native to the eastern United States and a tough shrub from Europe that will light up your winter landscape. Learn about these plants in the September-October issue of *Green Scene* or by visiting the Gold Medal website at *goldmedalplants.org*. You can find a selection of Gold Medal Plants at Meadowbrook Farm.

The 2011 PHS Gold Medal Award winners include *Cornus sanguinea* 'Midwinter Fire' (Bloodtwig Dogwood) (at right) and *Diervilla sessilifolia* Cool Splash (below), a Southern bush-honeysuckle.

Novalis

Richard Bitner

Win a New Digital Camera!

Enter the 2010 Green Scene magazine "Garden Photo Contest"

Love taking pictures? If so, we want to see your best photos of flowers, gardens, houseplants, landscapes, or people enjoying the outdoors for the 2010 *Green Scene* "Garden Photo Contest." The judges will look for knock-out images that capture the joy of gardening and nature. Winning photos will be published in the January/February 2011 issue of *Green Scene* magazine and on the PHS website.

Photos can be shot in any format, but must be submitted as 4 x 6- or 5 x 7-inch prints with your name, phone number, and email address on the back. No submissions by email or on CD will be accepted. **Submissions must include the entry form (available online) and full payment. The deadline for entries is September 15, 2010.**

For entry form and more information, please visit *PHSonline.org*, email *greenscene@pennhort.org*, or call 215-988-8871.

Enter to win this Kodak EasyShare C180 and other prizes.

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Harvest Time for Growers Alliance

The PHS City Harvest Growers Alliance, launched last year with a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, celebrates its first growing season, having produced thousands of pounds of fresh vegetables—not counting cool-weather crops still in the ground.

A related PHS project, City Harvest, donates produce grown by community gardeners to food cupboards.

City Harvest by the Numbers

64,300 lbs

Amount of fresh, local produce that City Harvest has donated from the 2006-2009 growing seasons.

1,000 families

reached each week by City Harvest alone over the course of a growing season.

42

community gardens grow food for donation to 33 food cupboards for City Harvest

675

volunteers helped this year at community gardens that contribute to City Harvest

Growers Alliance participants Amanda Staples and Matt McFarland are quickly learning the ways of small-scale food production.

The husband-and-wife duo is taking full advantage of the half-acre plot of land they own next to a house they share with others in the Germantown section of Philadelphia. Among their crops are collards, Swiss chard, beans, and tomatoes. They also raise chickens and keep bees. "The goal is to have a little homestead here in the city," says Amanda.

Aimed at increasing the availability of locally grown produce in Philadelphia, where fresh food outlets are scarce in many inner-city neighborhoods, the Growers Alliance encourages urban gardeners and farmers to grow and sell produce on their own land or in community gardens for supplemental income.

"We worked with 15 growers in the first year, including two youth initiatives," explains Claire Baker, PHS program manager. "The growers run the gamut from folks like Amanda and Matt who are really maximizing their output to those with tiny plots who simply enjoy growing and sharing fresh food."

To assist the growers, most of whom have little prior business experience, PHS has established the first of three planned resource centers at Weavers Way Co-op Farm, on land owned by Awbury Arboretum in Germantown. There, participants can pick up seeds, plants, and lumber for raised beds, as well as receive training from PHS and Weavers Way staff at workshops offered onsite.

Margaret Funderburg

Amanda Staples and Matt McFarland in their Germantown garden

The Growers Alliance has connected growers with farmers markets and other outlets where they can sell their goods. Weavers Way Co-op, which is partnering with PHS, also sells the produce at its three markets in Mount Airy, Chestnut Hill, and Ogontz.

"What I like about the Growers Alliance is that we feel supported by PHS and connected to other local growers, but we still have a lot of independence," says Amanda, who now devotes all of her time to tending the gardens, while her husband recently returned to work as a computer programmer. The couple has even started a mini CSA (community-supported agriculture) venture, offering weekly "market baskets" to neighborhood residents who sign up.

In exchange for the assistance, Growers Alliance participants donate some of their produce to the PHS City Harvest program, which donates organic produce to families in need through a network of community gardens and food cupboards.

To learn how you can help support this project, please contact the PHS Development department at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org*.

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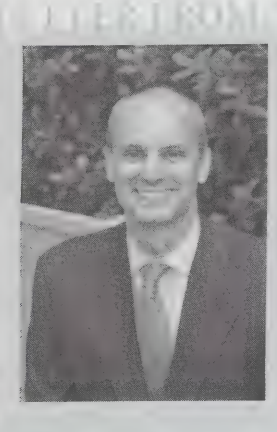


New Connections

When I go home from PHS at the end of the day, I like to head for the newest addition to my garden: a bluestone fountain I built from scratch earlier this summer, surrounded by purple-flowered *Ceratostigma*. The sound of splashing water, combined with the cool tones of the dwarf plumbago, provided a welcome respite from this summer's unrelenting heat. The wildlife in my neighborhood gathered there, too. A spotted yellow frog claimed the fountain as his home, and songbirds cooled off in the spray.

I know other PHS members have tried new skills as well. Longtime member and volunteer Alan Slack told me he bought a laptop and now has internet at home for the very first time so that he could be connected in greater ways. At PHS, we are expanding and updating our electronic offerings by redesigning our website and keeping you up-to-date on our blogs and social media sites. (Alan, we'll get you on Facebook yet!) To sign up for our **Flower Show**, **Philadelphia Green,** or **Wired Gardener blogs**, please visit *PHSonline.org*. Our website also helps PHS become greener by reducing our paper consumption. For example, we will post online—not print and mail—the 2010 Annual Report this fall.

Of course, I have also enjoyed connecting with PHS members face to face at various events, including our first **Fall Garden Festival** on September 11. I hope you had as much fun as I did, and I would love to hear your ideas as we start planning for 2011.

Looking ahead to next month, PHS's **183rd Annual Meeting** will honor a number of our dedicated volunteers, including Michael Bowell, Sister Margaret McKenna, and Sherrill Rowland and Margo Eremus. Laurie Olin, founding partner of OLIN, will receive PHS's Distinguished Achievement Award for his sustained excellence in landscape design. PHS, in partnership with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, is pleased to be working closely with this world-renowned landscape architecture firm on the Rodin Museum's courtyard landscaping, part of the overall rejuvenation for that entire block of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which will soon include the Barnes Foundation.

Our biggest event, the **Philadelphia International Flower Show**, will be here in less than six months. *Springtime in Paris,* scheduled for March 6 through 13, promises *fleurs et jardins extraordinaires*. Tickets are now available online, and they make great holiday gifts!

Drew Becher

To see pictures of Drew's garden fountain, visit *PHSonline.org*.

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

The excitement of spring may get a gardener's blood flowing, but the onset of fall is the best time of the year to rethink, redo, and revitalize a home landscape. Whether you're a newbie or an old pro, Meadowbrook Farm's Diana K. Weiner has prepared some helpful tips for this fabulous time of year.

GENERAL TIPS

- Prepare the soil for spring by adding plenty of compost.
- Add plant debris to the compost pile as you clean your gardens. Shred or chop to speed decomposition. Do not add diseased plants to the compost.
- Ready houseplants for their return trip indoors. Scout for insects and thoroughly rinse the plant's leaves and container.

IN THE GARDEN BED

- Transplant and divide most perennials.
- Purchase flowering spring bulbs for October planting.
- Harvest annual herbs. Cut green stems only of woody perennial herbs like sage, rosemary, and oregano. Hang the clean stems upside down in a dry, dark place.
- Continue harvesting vegetables to keep plants productive.
- Make sure pumpkins and winter squash have a hard rind before picking.
- Plant spinach and other leafy greens.

AROUND THE PROPERTY

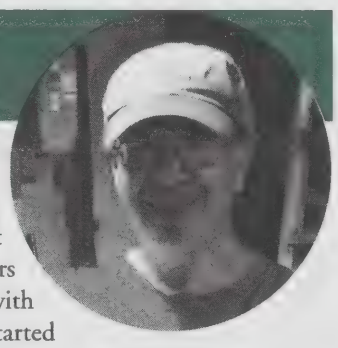
- Reduce soil compaction in your lawn by aerating.
- Reseed bare or thin lawn areas with improved cultivars of existing grass type.
- Keep mulch away from tree trunks; think bowl shaped, not "mulch volcanoes."
- Plant new trees and shrubs.
- Do not prune! Wait until February or March. Use this time to sharpen your pruning tools instead.

For guidance with your gardening projects and to purchase high-quality plants at great prices, visit Meadowbook Farm. As always, PHS members receive a 10 percent discount on all plant purchases.

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Dreamstime

In the Spotlight



Joe Shapiro

Graduates of the PHS Tree Tenders training program are known to be dedicated volunteers who plant and care for trees in their neighborhoods and beyond. But how many can claim to have a tree-planting tool named after them?

Joe Shapiro, a former materials engineer for the Navy, designed a clever contraption, made of rope and wood dowels, for lifting and maneuvering the heavy root balls of large trees by hand. In true Tree Tender spirit, it has several handles to accommodate many hands working together. PHS Tree Tenders manager Mindy Maslin says the tool has been dubbed "The Shapiro" after its creator.

A resident of West Philadelphia, Joe became a Tree Tender back in 1994 when one of his neighbors signed up for the free training and then couldn't attend, so Joe took her spot. He's been at it ever since, mostly volunteering with UC Green, a nonprofit that operates in the University City area, but he also serves as a resource for other greening groups throughout the city. Over the years, Joe has freely shared his engineering know-how to help other Tree Tenders refine their craft.

Along with a few other residents of his West Philadelphia neighborhood, Joe formed a neighborhood pruning club, which makes rounds once a week to prune street trees in the area. He talks about pruning at Tree Tenders events and volunteers with other groups that have started their own pruning clubs.

"Joe has been such a tremendous resource for us," says Maslin.

Joe, who retired in 2002, also keeps a plot in a community garden and volunteers with the Philadelphia Water Department, helping to catalog its archives. He serves on the PHS Tree Tenders Advisory Committee, which consults with PHS staff and helps plan the large-scale tree plantings that PHS has been coordinating throughout the city each spring and fall for the past several years.

His motivation can be traced to his childhood on West Philadelphia's tree-lined streets. "When I was a kid," Joe recalls, "every block was lined with London Planes or maples, but slowly over the years they died out. When I heard about Tree Tenders, I realized I could make a difference."

*Instructions for making the "Shapiro" can be found on the website of UC Green (*ucgreen.org*).*

$2 Million for City Trees

PHS Partners with City to Plant Trees in North Philadelphia

The City of Philadelphia has received $2.354 million from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to dramatically increase the tree canopy in North Philadelphia, and PHS will play a key role.

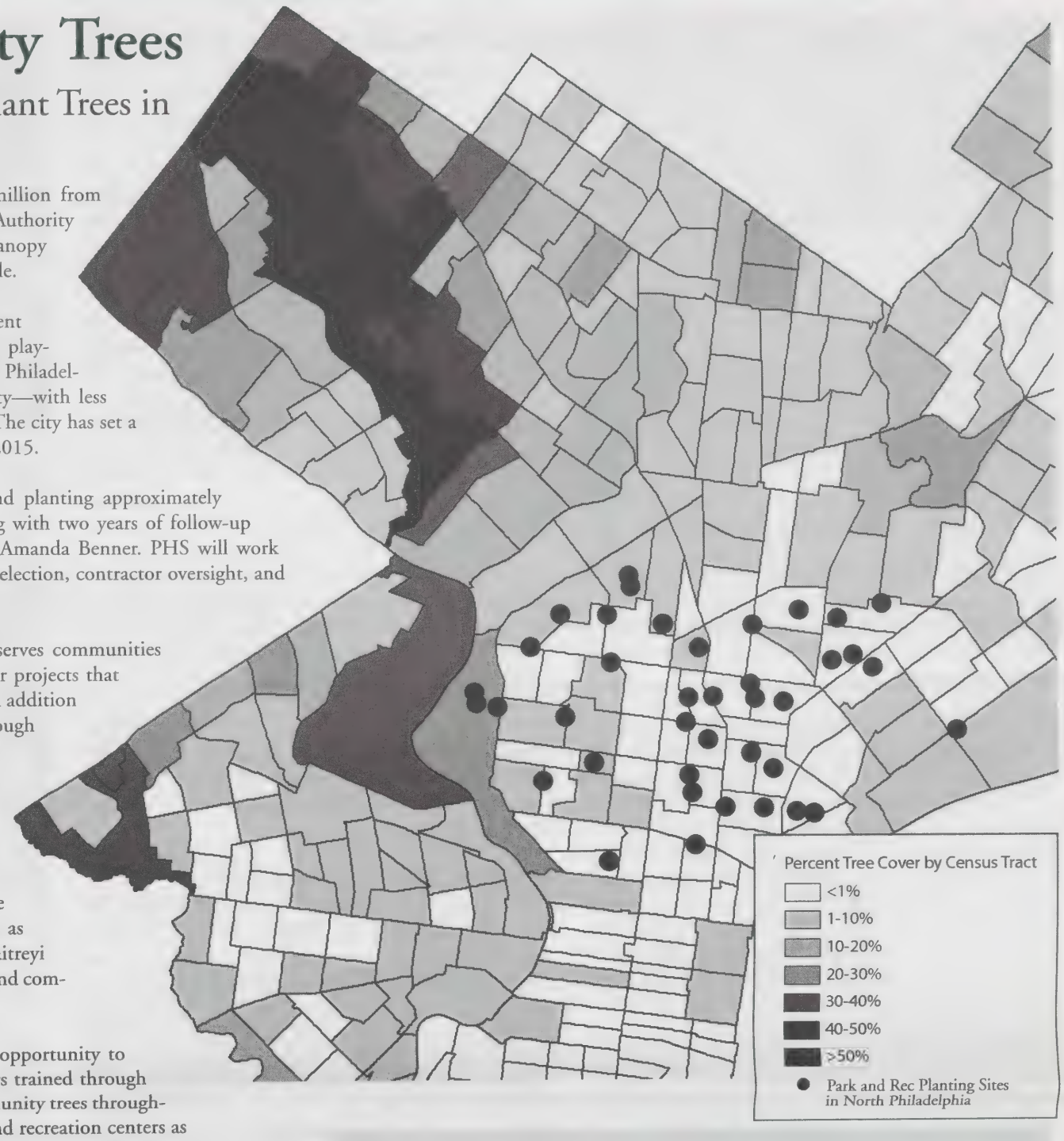
PHS will partner with the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation to plant trees at parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers in the area. North Philadelphia's tree canopy is among the lowest in the city—with less than five percent of land covered by tree canopy. The city has set a goal of reaching 30 percent coverage citywide by 2015.

"The grant will cover the costs of procuring and planting approximately 2,500 trees at 39 sites and adjacent streets, along with two years of follow-up care to help the trees establish," explains PHS's Amanda Benner. PHS will work with the city on planning and site selection, tree selection, contractor oversight, and maintenance.

A Pennsylvania nonprofit agency, PENNVEST serves communities by funding sewer, stormwater, and drinking-water projects that help improve the commonwealth's environment in addition to supporting economic growth, primarily through low-interest loans. Because they absorb and filter large amounts of rain water, trees help control flooding and erosion and prevent pollution of waterways.

"Investing in these facilities by planting new trees will dramatically improve their appearance as well as demonstrate the value of these places as neighborhood hubs," says PHS vice president Maitreyi Roy. "We think it will also lead to more greening and community revitalization in the surrounding area."

The targeted planting effort also offers PHS an opportunity to further expand its extensive network of volunteers trained through its Tree Tenders® project, who help care for community trees throughout the city and region. PHS will use the parks and recreation centers as sites for workshops on tree care and to promote awareness about the many benefits of trees, including the fact that trees help boost economic development.



To help support PHS's tree planting initiatives in the Philadelphia region, please visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

Why is the Tree Canopy Important?

The tree canopy is the upper branches or crowns of mature trees. Measuring the area of land shaded by or covered by the tree canopy provides an important yardstick for a healthy environment, since trees improve air and water quality and help reduce erosion and flooding. Philadelphia has set a goal of 30 percent canopy coverage citywide by 2015.

National Tree Conference Comes to Philadelphia

Partners in Community Forestry National Conference November 9 – 11, 2010

For three days in November, tree boosters from throughout the country will gather in Philadelphia to talk about the power of trees to improve the environment and quality of life in cities and towns.

The Partners in Community Forestry National Conference will take place at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, and PHS president Drew Becher will give the keynote address. Becher will announce a major PHS initiative to plant up to one million trees in the 11-county region of southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, beginning in spring 2011.

PHS staff members Maitreyi Roy and Todd Baylson will take part in panel discussions on the role of trees in urban revitalization.

Conference attendees will also have an opportunity to roll up their sleeves and help plant bare-root trees in the Old City neighborhood on November 7, where PHS will lead a volunteer project. Conference goers can also tour green spaces in Philadelphia, including several sites managed or assisted by PHS.

For more information or to register for the conference, visit *arborday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/pcfl2010/index.cfm*

At the Partners in Community Forestry conference, PHS president Drew Becher is expected to announce a major PHS initiative to plant up to one million trees in the 11-county region of southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, beginning in spring 2011. Visit *PHSonline.org* and watch future issues of *PHS News* for updates.

Help Plant Trees in Your Neighborhood

Come meet your neighbors, improve the environment, and enhance your community! PHS and volunteers have planted thousands of trees in Pennsylvania over the past several years.

Volunteers are needed for new community tree plantings in Philadelphia and in surrounding counties. To find a planting near you, please visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "All About Trees." The website features a map where you can find exact locations, dates, times, and contact information.

November 21 – 22
Tree Plantings in Philadelphia
Please contact Mindy Maslin
215-988-8844 or *mmaslin@pennhort.org.*

November 6
Tree Plantings in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties
Please contact Barley Van Clief
215-988-8793 or *bvanclief@pennhort.org.*

"Olmsted Legacy" Screening and Conversation to Benefit PHS

November 4, 6 pm
Philadelphia Museum of Art

The achievements and philosophy of renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted will spark an exciting fundraising event for PHS on November 4 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with a screening of "The Olmsted Legacy," a one-hour documentary about the designer of New York's Central Park. A reception will follow the screening in the PMA's newly renovated Granite Hill Restaurant. "Olmsted Legacy" producer/director Rebecca Messner will join guests in conversations about the great landscape architect and about her film.

Olmsted's firm worked on the designs of many parks in the Philadelphia area, including FDR Park and Marconi Plaza in South Philadelphia, Pastorius Park in Chestnut Hill, Washington Square in Center City, and other portions of Fairmount Park.

Tickets for the screening and/or reception will be available in October. Watch for email messages as well as event updates on the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*. For more information, please contact Michelle Nicoletto at *mnicoletto@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8762.

Washington Square in Center City Philadelphia was designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted's firm.

A Special Gift in Memory of Jill Frankel

When longtime Flower Show Horticulture Information Booth volunteer and plant enthusiast Jill Frankel lost her battle with cancer this spring, the Frankel family sought a way to memorialize her love for the Flower Show and her work as a volunteer.

Mark Frankel, Jill's husband, says, "Jill was very enthusiastic about many things, but I think the Flower Show was her most passionate interest. She devoted countless hours to the Horticulture Information Booth, and I thought it was appropriate to recognize her efforts with donations made to PHS after her passing. I mentioned my thoughts to Melissa DeRuiter and Cecily Macy of the PHS Development team, and they responded with a well-thought-out plan to establish the *Jill Frankel Memorial Research Fund*. The funds will be used to acquire laptop computers and research software to allow for more efficient research on inquiries at the Horticulture Information Booth. I was elated with the idea; I can't think of a better way to remember Jill."

With support from the Fund, three laptop computers—complete with wireless internet connection—will be available to Horticulture Information Booth volunteers. In addition, the Fund will supply eight copies of the tried and true *RHS Plant Finder* reference books, published by the Royal Horticultural Society.

"Thanks to this generous gift in honor of Jill, a big step has been taken to enhance the volunteer and visitor experience at the Show," says Betty Greene of PHS, who coordinates Flower Show volunteers.

Jill Frankel was also a beloved member of the Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd, which issued a statement: "Jill conceived and chaired many successful club flower shows. The Horticulture Information Booth was close to her heart, and the computers and books will be a lasting tribute to her."

PHS is grateful to the Frankel family for this special gift. If you would like to make a contribution to the *Jill Frankel Memorial Research Fund,* please contact the Development department at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org* or mail your donation to:

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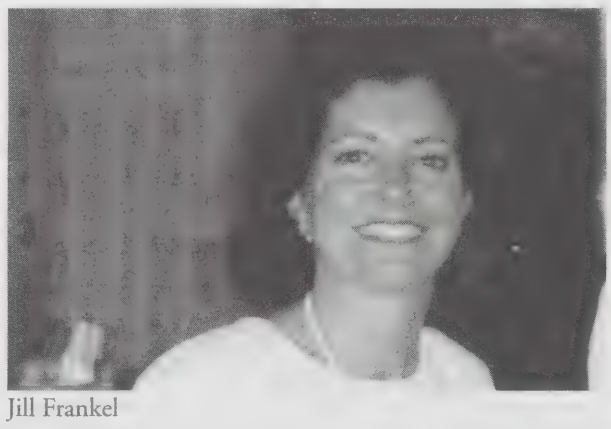
Attn: Development Department
100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103



Jill Frankel

Support PHS

During this season of giving thanks, please help PHS plant seeds of change by making a 100 percent tax-deductible gift. By supporting PHS you demonstrate your belief in the power of building communities and transforming lives through horticulture. Donations to PHS allow us to support community gardens, revitalize neighborhood parks, organize tree plantings, and care for spectacular public landscapes.

To help PHS sustain its transformative work in the community, the Independence Foundation has awarded PHS a challenge grant that will match all new and increased gifts made to PHS by June 30, 2011—making your support of PHS go even further. (Please note that this challenge does not include membership dues.)

We are pleased to offer the following giving options:

Mail: PHS
Attn: Development Department
100 North 20th Street – 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Online: Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS" at the top of the screen.

United Way
As United Way workplace campaigns roll out across the region this fall, please consider directing your United Way contribution to PHS. Simply note PHS Donor Option ID #06197 on your pledge card.

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Yes! I/we wish to support PHS and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please accept a gift of: ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other _____

I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership.

Payment Method

☐ Check enclosed (payable to PHS) OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card# _____ Expiration _____ Card Security Code _____

Signature _____

Mail To: PHS, Attn: Development Department, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Donations to PHS help support the management of gardens, parks, and public landscapes such as Logan Square.

Give the Gift of PHS

2011 Flower Show Tickets

Send your family and friends to the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Springtime in Paris!* It's easier than ever to purchase Flower Show tickets. Convenient, print-at-home tickets are customizable and can be personalized for holiday giving. Just visit *theflowershow.com*. You may also purchase tickets over the phone by calling 215-988-8800.

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Once you've purchased your Flower Show tickets, treat your family and friends to a lovely Garden Tea at the Show. Step into serene and elegant surroundings with soothing music and elegant flowers. A light menu of petit sandwiches, pastries, fruit and an assortment of fine teas will enhance any visitor's Flower Show experience. Visit *theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8800 to purchase your Garden Tea tickets.

Please visit *PHSonline.org* for more information.

Gift of PHS Membership

"Membership in a Box" is a great holiday gift for the gardeners in your life. Purchase any level of PHS membership and for an additional $10, receive a mug decorated with lilies. The images on the mug come from a Japanese nursery catalog printed in 1922, which is part of the PHS McLean Library special collections.

Purchase two memberships and get two mugs for only $15! PHS will promptly send a personalized greeting card informing the recipient of your gift. In addition, gift recipients will receive a one-time *$25 credit toward a purchase from White Flower Farm*, a family-owned mail order nursery located in Connecticut. As an added bonus, White Flower Farm donates back to PHS 10 percent of the value of purchases by PHS members.

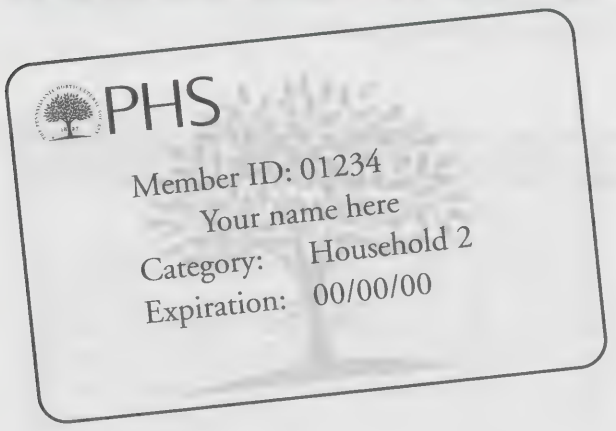
Gift memberships can be purchased by phone with your credit card by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. To ensure mug delivery in time for the holidays, *all orders must be received by December 17, 2010.*

Gift of a Tree

Tree gifts are a wonderful way to honor family and friends while helping PHS restore the region's tree canopy! Your donation of any amount will support tree plantings throughout the greater Philadelphia region and are 100 percent tax deductible. For gifts of $25 or more, PHS will send a beautiful certificate to each recipient, letting them know of this special tree gift made in their honor.

To make a tree gift, please contact the Development department at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org*. To ensure certificate delivery in time for the holidays, all *contributions must be received by December 17, 2010.*

Membership News



Discounts for PHS Members

Nurseries, garden centers, and retail stores throughout the Delaware Valley, including Meadowbrook Farm, offer a 10 percent discount to PHS Members. New vendors are added throughout the year, so check the current list of vendors and discounts at *PHSonline.org* (click on "Membership"). You may also request a copy by contacting PHS Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-1622, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm.

To receive your discount, present your current PHS membership card before the sale is rung up. If you have misplaced your card, please contact Member Services at *memserv@pennhort.org*, 215-988-8776, or 215-988-1622.

Garden Appreciation Day at Triple Oaks Nursery & Herb Garden

Sunday, October 17, 1 – 3 pm
Triple Oaks Nursery & Herb Garden
2359 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ 08322
856-694-4272
tripleoaks.com

Don't miss this special event just for PHS Members. Present your PHS membership card at Triple Oaks Nursery on October 17 and receive a **20 percent discount** on all plant purchases—double the normal discount! The nursery features a wide variety of plants, including hardy tropicals and unusual trees and shrubs. While there, be sure to visit the extensive display gardens along the Little Ease Run, a tributary of the Maurice River. Take a garden tour (offered between 1:30 and 2:30 pm) and enjoy a farmers market, great refreshments, and a drawing for Triple Oaks gift certificates.

Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Garden

Bring a friend! New PHS memberships can be purchased at the event. New members will qualify for the 20 percent discount and will also receive a gift for joining.

Triple Oaks Nursery is a family-owned independent business. Besides being a long-time partner with the PHS Membership Discount program, owner Lorraine Kiefer is a contributing writer for *Green Scene* magazine and a guest lecturer for PHS programs, including the Philadelphia International Flower Show. Most recently, Lorraine spoke on "Harvesting and Using Your Herbs" as part of the Gardener's Studio at the 2010 PHS Fall Garden Festival.

The event is free, but RSVPs are requested. Please contact Lorraine Kiefer at 856-694-4272 or *lorraine@tripleoaks.com.*

Education Programs

COACH TRIP

New York City Eco Tour
Wednesday, October 20, 7:30 am – 6 pm
(approximately)

We will travel to Manhattan to tour several model urban greening projects. Our first stop will be lower Manhattan where Eric "T." Fleischer, director of horticulture for **Battery Park City Parks Conservancy**, will describe how he has rejuvenated the 37 acres of open space and established exclusively organic maintenance practices. We will then visit the Hudson River Park Entry Garden, or the **Lynden B. Miller Garden**, adjacent to the Chelsea Piers. Designed as an exuberant entry into the space, this garden includes a lawn bowl, skateboard park, carousel, and boardwalk—all along the Hudson River. The designers emphasized four-season interest and used shrub "ribbons" of *Berberis* 'Crimson Pygmy' and boxwood to tie together the design. Ronda Brands, who worked in partnership with Lynden Miller on the garden's design and installation, will be our guide. Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates were the landscape architects for that segment of the park.

Next, it is a short walk to the **High Line**, where we will be greeted by Pat Cullina, vice president of horticulture and park operations for the Friends of the High Line. Built in the 1930s, the High Line once lifted freight traffic 30 feet in the air, removing dangerous trains from the streets of Manhattan's largest industrial district. No trains have run on the High Line since 1980, and now the High Line is a fabulously popular park in the sky, featuring drought-resistant native plants. Planting designer Piet Oudolf describes it as "a magical place … a landscape within a city … a place that reminds you of nature and your youth, picking flowers in the field."

Lunch will be on our own at the nearby Chelsea Market or at one of numerous area restaurants. Fee includes coach travel (with pick-up from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or PHS), the tours, and refreshments on the bus. Limit: 35. Fee: $75 members, $85 non-members.

The coach trip to New York City on October 20 will include a visit to the High Line, an award-winning park built on an unused elevated rail line in Manhattan.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Class: Composting and Putting Your Garden to Bed
Wednesday, October 13, 10 am - 12 noon

Fall is the time to think about general garden clean-up and preparing your plants for the cold months ahead. Some stems and stalks may remain for winter interest; others need a blanket or two to keep warm. Glenn Ashton will tell you how to make your short list of chores easy and fun! What to do with all the trimmings? Glenn will discuss how to compost them to turn them into black gold for your garden. Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.

Workshop:
Deck the Halls, Mantles and Ceilings!
Thursday, December 9, 10 am – 12 noon

Bring some green to your mantle, stairway banister, or tabletop for the holidays. Learn the tricks of the florist trade from Meadowbrook Farm's volunteer coordinator, Diana K. Weiner. She will demonstrate how to make roping, wreaths, swags, ornaments, and topiaries from everyday store-bought plants or plants you may have in your own garden. Then you will create a long-lasting boxwood "kissing ball." Space is limited; sign up early for this festive, hands-on event. Please be sure to bring scissors, hand pruners, and gloves. Limit: 25. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.

PROGRAMS AT PHS
100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia

Class: Treasures of the PHS McLean Library
Four Wednesdays: October 6, 13, 27 &
November 3, 6 – 7:30 pm
(Note, no class October 20)
McLean Library, first floor

Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler and Janet Evans will conduct this course focusing on images of American plants from materials in the PHS McLean Library. Beginning with mid-eighteenth-century naturalist Mark Catesby's *The Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands* and extending through the end of the nineteenth century, Dr. Schuyler will discuss the importance of descriptions and illustrations of American plants that appeared in print. Why were American plants so important to Europeans? How did these plants change the European landscape and economy? What do we know about the botanists, horticulturists, foresters, and artists who described and illustrated American plants?

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee: $	

Name:_____ Member ID#: _____

Name of guest (if any):_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: _____ Email_____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number:_____ Expiration: _____ Card Security Code:_____

Signature:_____

☐ I/We would like to support PHS education programs.

Donation amount: _____ (select payment method above).

Janet Evans will highlight rarely seen curiosities from the collection, including a multi-volume work consisting of actual specimens of wood from American trees. Rare books, prints, and catalogs from the McLean Library will be displayed during each class.

Alfred E. "Ernie" Schuyler is curator emeritus of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences. He has taught at several universities as well as at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation, the Wagner Free Institute of Science, and PHS. Janet Evans is manager of the PHS McLean Library. **Limit: 20. Fee: $40 members, $50 non-members.**

Workshop: Botanical Illustration with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays: October 12 – November 30, 10 am – 1 pm
PHS Classroom, 5th floor

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor and have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing colors, creating form and dimensionality, and a discussion of watercolor brushes and paper. We will work from live specimens, beginning with the simpler forms of fruits and vegetables. You must attend the first session of this popular eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members. Limit: 15.**

Evening Lecture: Imagining Philadelphia—Edmund Bacon and the Future of the City

Wednesday, November 17, 6 pm

When Philadelphia's iconoclastic city planner Edmund N. Bacon looked into his crystal ball in 1959, he saw a remarkable vision: "Philadelphia as an unmatched expression of the vitality of American technology and culture." In that year Bacon penned an essay for *Greater Philadelphia Magazine*, originally entitled "Philadelphia in the Year 2009," in which he imagined a city remade and modernized to host the 1976 Philadelphia World's Fair and Bicentennial celebration, an event that would be a catalyst for a golden age of urban renewal.

What Bacon could not predict was the long period of economic decline, population loss, and racial confrontation that Philadelphia was about to enter. Thus, his essay comes to us as a time capsule, a message from one of the city's most influential and controversial shapers. Scott Gabriel Knowles will discuss the book about Edmund Bacon that he recently edited.

Scott Gabriel Knowles is an assistant professor of history and directs the Custom-Designed Major program and the Great Works Symposium at Drexel University. He is the author/editor of *Imagining Philadelphia: Edmund Bacon and the Future of the City* (Penn Press 2009), as well as numerous articles and book reviews.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:30. Books will be available for signing, and the lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. Fee: $10 PHS members, $20 non-members.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Walk: Fall Garden Walk

Saturday, October 23, 10 am – 12 noon

As the season wends it way to an end there are many plants that actually look their best. Fruit and the tawny colors of autumn will highlight this guided tour. Cooler temperatures begin the end of the production of green pigments (chlorophyll), which mask the more colorful pigments that make up the fall spectrum. We will also observe garden structure and late blooming flowers. Spend a pleasant autumn morning savoring the delights of the season at Chanticleer with **Joe Henderson** as our guide. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

REGIONAL EVENTS

A Gathering of Gardeners

Saturday, October 9, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Medford Leas, Medford, NJ

Enjoy a day of learning at the lovely Lewis W. Barton Arboretum & Nature Preserve at Medford Leas with fellow gardening enthusiasts. Keynote speakers include **Jenny Rose Carey**, director of the Ambler Arboretum at Temple University, who will speak on *Philadelphia Ladies in the Landscape, 1900-1940,* and **Jack Carman**, owner and founder of Design for Generations, on *The Benefits of Gardening in Your Daily Life.*

Breakout sessions include: Winterizing Roses and Selecting Hardy Roses for Your Garden, You Can Succeed with African Violets, Orchids for Beginners, Composting in your Home Garden, Plants for Pollination, and Bring your Garden Indoors with Effortless Arrangements. This event is cosponsored by PHS, Master Gardeners of Burlington County, and Medford Leas. **Fee: $35, includes education sessions and lunch. Seating is limited; please register by calling Medford Leas at 609-654-3527, or visit *medfordleas.org*.**

CONFERENCE

Perennials Conference

Friday, October 15
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College

Topics and speakers include: Managing the Environment—An Adaptive Challenge, by **Eric T. Fleischer**; Gardening for a Hopeful Future, by **Dale Hendricks**; Plant Backstory, by **Holly Scoggins**; Meadows by Design, by **John Greenlee**; and Plants as Inspiration, by **Piet Oudolf**. The Promising Plant Forum returns this year. There will also be lunchtime and pre- and post-conference tours of the Scott Arboretum, as well as a Happy Hour after the conference. **Please visit *perennialplantconference.org* for more information and to register.**

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS

October 19, 5 - 6 pm
2301 Market St., Philadelphia

Want to learn about exciting green roof technology? PHS leads tours of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters on the third Tuesday of the month, through October. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, and pre-registration at least two days before the tour is required. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. Fee: $5 PHS members, $10 non-members.

PECO Green Roof

PHS Gardening Series

The PHS Gardening Series events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Houseplants: Your Winter Garden
Saturday, October 2, 11 am – 12 noon
Coleman Northwest Regional Branch
Free Library of Philadelphia
68 W. Chelten Avenue

Evergreens in Containers
Tuesday, October 5, 6 – 7 pm
South Philadelphia Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1700 S. Broad Street

Putting the Garden to Bed
Thursday, October 7, 6 – 7 pm
Cedar Park
50th St. & Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

Herbs 101
Tuesday, October 12, 6 – 7 pm
Richmond Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
2987 Almond Street

The Garden in Fall–Perennials
Wednesday, October 13, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Kingsessing Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
1201 S. 51st Street

Flowering Houseplants for the Home
Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Ogontz Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6017 Ogontz Avenue

The Windowsill Garden: Growing Herbs Indoors
Wednesday, October 20, 6 – 7 pm
Philadelphia City Institute, Free Library of Philadelphia
1905 Locust Street

The Garden in Fall: Evergreens
Saturday, October 23, 10 – 11 am
Dickinson Square Park
The Parsons Building (located inside the park)
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Philadelphia, PA

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Tuesday, October 26, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
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2000 Washington Lane

Hints for Healthy Houseplants
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932 S. 7th Street

Gardening Indoors with Houseplants
Tuesday, November 9, 3 – 4 pm
McPherson Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
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Wednesday, November 10, 6 – 7 pm
Lovett Memorial Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6945 Germantown Avenue

Shrubs for Small Spaces
Tuesday, November 16, 6 – 7 pm
Independence Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
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Thursday, November 18, 6 – 7 pm
Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library
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From the Flower Show Blog:
Hunter Hayes Plans "En Plein Air" for 2011 Flower Show

Leaning over a drafting table, Lauren Hilburn looks at a sketch that depicts a cobblestone path, row of trees, waterfall, and pockets of perennial shade plants.

"When designing a garden, it's important to create vantage points from multiple angles," she says. "So if you look through the trees, you find something across the way."

But Hilburn isn't talking about a typical, outdoor garden. No, these are the plans for Ardmore-based Hunter Hayes Landscape Design's exhibit for the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Springtime in Paris*.

"Think En Plein Air, or open air paintings," says Hilburn. Inspiration is both highbrow (the glorious Jardin de Bagatelle) and plebeian (the city's famous street artists) and will uplift the landscape company's own specialties, including hardscaping, planting design, and water features.

Lauren Hilburn and Hunter Hayes

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The Gardens of Cornwall

Take a tour of the magical gardens of Cornwall in England's western peninsula. The mild Cornish climate and acidic soil combine with hilly terrain and rocky coastline to produce amazing vistas of rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas, and magnolias that are at their peak in April. In addition to the great gardens at Caerhays, Trebah, Trewithen, and others, we will visit the iconic Abbey Gardens on the isle of Tresco—travelling there by helicopter. We will stay for part of the tour in St. Mawes, a charming fishing and sailing port. This popular tour will be led by Ann and Colin Senior of Heritage Garden Tours, and former PHS president Jane Pepper will join the group. **For more information and a trip brochure, please visit the PHS website or contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.**

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Paris by Day, Paris by Night — Beautiful in Any Light

Springtime in Paris, March 6 – 13, 2011

In Philadelphia, the gardens, flowers, and delectable pleasures of Paris will be on display when the Philadelphia International Flower Show opens March 6 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Visitors are invited to take part in the experience with daily and nightly entertainment and educational activities focused on excellence in design and horticulture with a decidedly Parisian *joie de vivre.*

The spectacular lights of Paris will shine every day and night, illuminating the romantic and stylish scenes of a host of remarkable gardens. Visitors will enter through a Parisian park in full bloom; gardens of lilac, lavender, and roses; and the glittering Eiffel Tower. Blooming carousel topiaries, created by Valley Forge Flowers, will lead to the Cabaret Stage, offering lively entertainment including French can-can and cabaret performers set among the iconic images of Paris.

The region's top names in landscape and floral design are preparing six Showcase Gardens that will capture the many facets of Paris. Jamie Rothstein Distinctive Floral Designs is working with French antiques collector John Whitenight on an exhibit that epitomizes "Opulent Paris," with a glamorous interior parlor and exterior garden in the style of the Belle Époque. Robertson's Flowers plans a vision of "Romantic Paris," featuring a fantasy wedding scene at the architectural wonder, Nôtre Dame. Michael Petrie's Handmade Gardens will interpret "Artists' Paris," a formal boxwood garden with painted floors and surfaces inspired by the great French artists.

Members of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) will take visitors below the surface of the city for their avant-garde exhibit, "Underground Paris," while Stoney Bank Nurseries goes skyward to serve up "Delectable Paris," celebrating the great cuisine amid overflowing rooftop gardens. Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors will transport guests to "Timeless Paris," an urbane world of green courtyards and elegant cafes.

Every day is gardening day at the Flower Show. More than 150 free presentations and dozens of educational displays that focus on the newest gardening trends will be offered throughout the week. Shoppers will find a bustling Marketplace with a vast array of take-home products to get the garden going. The official PHS Flower Show Shoppe will offer 2011 Show merchandise. And foodies will enjoy culinary demonstrations by the region's best chefs and a Wine and Spirits Garden, with free tastings, presented by the PA Wine & Spirits Store in the Grand Hall.

Encourage your friends to come to the Flower Show. Proceeds from ticket sales help support PHS programs including:

TreeVitalize One Million
Each ticket helps PHS toward its goal of planting one million trees in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

City Harvest
Each ticket helps PHS grow and donate fresh produce to local families in need.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit *theflowershow.com*

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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

Finding Inspiration

With the glorious fall weather in late October, I relished every chance I had to be in my garden. With my favorite pair of clippers in hand, I pruned back ornamental trees and perennials and selected shrubs; I continue to be surprised at how much survived the "Summer of No Rain."

Fall and winter is when I start looking for inspiration for the next year, either by thumbing through the latest catalogs and design books or checking my favorite gardening websites.

Of course, one of the best sources of inspiration is the Philadelphia International Flower Show. *Springtime in Paris* will take place March 6 through 13, and I cannot wait to see the City of Light come to the City of Brotherly Love. We have prepared a two-minute video that captures the excitement, color, and drama of the Show. It's posted on the Flower Show website. Use the QR code of the back of this newsletter to watch it instantly on your iPhone, or visit *theflowershow.com*.

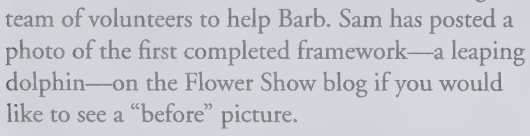
Flower Show designer Sam Lemheney said the 2011 Show will feature the biggest structure ever built for the Show entrance: a 75-foot-wide, 33-foot-tall base of the Eiffel Tower that will welcome visitors into the fantastic and colorful display gardens. Parisian carousel animals will come to life after Barb King of Valley Forge Flowers finishes decorating them with fresh and dried plant materials. PHS Council member Melinda Moritz is assembling a team of volunteers to help Barb. Sam has posted a photo of the first completed framework—a leaping dolphin—on the Flower Show blog if you would like to see a "before" picture.

The PHS staff at Meadowbrook Farm is busy forcing flowering and foliage plants for many Flower Show exhibits. In addition to annuals and perennials, Meadowbrook is forcing 25,000 tulips (5,000 pots, each with five bulbs) at a facility in New Jersey. You can take a behind-the-scenes tour of Meadowbrook Farm's greenhouses on February 23 (see page 6 for details).

I have long admired the artistic side of the Show and plan to find out more by attending one of five workshops in January designed specifically for seasoned Flower Show exhibitors and arrangers who want to enter for the first time. The free workshops are informal and hands-on so participants will be blue-ribbon ready by March. Please visit the PHS website for more information.

And by the way, if you're still looking for inspiration for holiday gift giving, consider planting a tree in honor of a loved one or friend or purchasing Flower Show tickets or PHS memberships as gifts. See page 5 for details.

In an upcoming issue, I will have information about PHS's new corporate volunteer program, an initiative I am very excited about. PHS will offer meaningful volunteer opportunities to groups of employees from companies throughout the region. If you know of a company that might be interested in partnering with us through this program, please send me an email.



Drew Becher
Email Drew at *dbecher@pennhort.org*.

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 4, 10 am – 5 pm

Traditions are a great part of the holiday season, so start a new tradition this year by bringing the family to the Meadowbrook Farm Open House on Saturday, December 4, when Meadowbrook will be transformed into a winter wonderland. Even regular visitors will delight in the way the estate, grounds, and gift shop are adorned in holiday style.

The Holiday Open House offers an ideal opportunity to check off a few people on your holiday gift-giving list (while picking up a thing or two for yourself). The Meadowbrook Farm team carefully selects a beautiful assortment of home-and-garden goods that make great gifts for friends and family.

Tickets to the Philadelphia International Flower Show make the perfect gift! For your convenience, tickets can be purchased in the Meadowbrook gift shop. Meadowbrook can even assemble special Flower Show packages with tickets, a holiday houseplant, and an attractive greeting card.

Other Open House favorites include charming kids' crafts, self-guided tours of the Meadowbrook Farm estate, and of course, great sales. During the Open House, PHS Members save 20 percent on greens, poinsettias, and holiday giftware. Visit the PHS Membership table that day to sign up and save! To learn more about the wonderful ways Meadowbrook Farm is gearing up for winter, visit *meadowbrookfarm.org*.

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Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

In the Spotlight

Maudelin Alston

How does one go from being an amateur Flower Show exhibitor to serving as Chair of Arrangement Classes? For Maudelin Alston, it all began with the decision to submit her own creation in a Miniature Arrangement Class in 1998. The theme that year was "Little by Little," and she won third prize. Although she did not place at all for the following two years, she kept on trying. Finally, in 2001, she took first prize for her mini arrangement, and her involvement with the Flower Show was off and running.

An interest in design is what initially drew Maudelin to gardening. She was a member of the Moorestown Garden Club for many years before she made her first attempt at flower arranging. The club encourages all aspects of gardening, including floral design and horticulture training in addition to community projects. After winning that blue ribbon at the Flower Show, Maudelin was asked by Alice Bucher to join the Arrangement Classes committee as an assistant. She later progressed to Miniature Arrangements Vice Chair, Miniature Chair, Medium Niche Advisor, and then to her current assignment as Chair of Arrangement Classes. "It is quite an honor and a shock," says Maudelin.

These days, Maudelin is continually working on some aspect of the Flower Show. She enjoys the buzz surrounding the show, the excitement, and participants' anticipation of entering their work in the many categories of competition. When asked to name a favorite, she is unable to choose one. Instead, she is adamant that trying her hand in every category has helped increase her confidence and knowledge.

Most people who regularly visit the Philadelphia International Flower Show have a particular section they like best, but what Maudelin looks forward to most is opening day, when all of the hard work from the year before and all of the hustle and bustle culminate in one beautiful, energy-filled moment. Having an eye for design, she is eager to see how this year's exhibitors will interpret the 2011 theme, *Springtime in Paris*.

–Betsy J. Dougherty

AmeriCorps Workers Join PHS Staff

In October, PHS welcomed two AmeriCorps employees to its staff. Christine Willeford and Oloufounmi Koucoi will remain with PHS through August, 2011.

Christine and Olou will both work on PHS tree planting and outreach initiatives, including the TreeVitalize One Million campaign, an effort to restore the tree canopy in the Greater Philadelphia Region by planting one million new trees. (The tree campaign will be formally launched at the 2011 Flower Show.)

Christine is a graduate of Fordham University. She has worked as an urban park ranger in Crotona Park in the Bronx, New York, where she helped develop education programs. She also completed an internship researching the native forest at the New York Botanical Garden. At PHS, Christine will primarily assist the Tree Tenders training staff, which teaches citizens about tree planting and tree care. She will help lead trainings for adults and programs for children.

"I became interested in community education when I worked as a park ranger," says Christine. "I'm excited to see how a large organization like PHS works."

Olou will help scout for locations where trees can be added or replaced in Philadelphia, focusing on planting sites in parks. He will create maps with information about the tree canopy by community, including location and tree health, and will participate in community outreach and education. A native of the West African nation of Benin, Olou founded Novi, a non-governmental organization that promotes sustainable development and entrepreneurship in West Africa. He has also worked as a research associate with Ohio State University's School of Environment and Natural Resources.

"The PHS tree campaign is a perfect fit for me," says Olou, whose bachelor's degree is in environmental and urban management. "It fits very well with everything I'm most interested in."

AmeriCorps is a national community service organization that pairs skilled college graduates with community service organizations, partnering with regional groups to find placements. Both Christine and Olou were recruited by the Pennsylvania Mountain Service Corps, based in Western Pennsylvania. PHS is that organization's first placement site in Philadelphia.

PHS Helps Create Sustainable Neighborhood

PHS and its partners have completed the first of several projects that are helping to build a sustainable community in Philadelphia's New Kensington neighborhood, in eastern North Philadelphia.

After leading a master planning process that helped energize the entire community, PHS re-designed a parking lot at the Shissler Recreation Center, a key neighborhood hub, to help create new green space, capture excess stormwater, and improve pedestrian circulation and safety.

The parking lot is part of what's being called the "Big Green Block," an area bounded by Front Street, Frankford Avenue, Palmer Street, and Norris Street. It encompasses the brand-new Kensington High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, which opened on Front Street in fall 2010. "Kensington CAPA" is the first LEED-platinum-certified public school building in Philadelphia (LEED is a rating system for environmentally friendly construction developed by the US Green Building Council). Other new features include street trees with specially designed planting trenches that capture and filter stormwater and the planned renovation of a recreational field.

The Shissler Recreation Center parking lot includes two infiltration basins, planted with native grasses and trees, that are engineered to collect runoff from the parking lot and adjacent streets. The lot has been extended and the striping for parking spaces reconfigured to improve efficiency and circulation. New sidewalks and curbs on Blair Street, as well as the extension of a sidewalk linking Blair and Palmer streets (previously separated by a fence), improve pedestrian access and safety and create a new public open space.

The project is part of a wider community-driven initiative, **Sustainable 19125**, led by the New Kensington Community Development Corporation with support from PHS, which aims to make this section of the city a model for sustainable design (*sustainable19125.org*).

"The improvements help demonstrate best practices in sustainability, including stormwater management, greening, and neighborhood mobility," says PHS landscape architect David Elliott, who led the design team.

The Big Green Block involves $950,000 in leveraged capital improvements. Collaborating organizations include the Philadelphia Water Department, New Kensington Community Development Corporation, PHS, Mural Arts Program, and the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation.

New Park Opens at Delaware Riverfront

The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in October for a new public park at the Delaware Riverfront, located near Washington Avenue at the old Pier 53. **Washington Avenue Green** features native woodlands and meadows, demonstrating innovative approaches to re-purposing an industrial landscape. PHS convened a project advisory committee, provided educational workshops, led a civic engagement process to solicit input, and is forming a volunteer friends group. Pictured here (left to right) are Amanda Benner of PHS, DRWC President Tom Corcoran, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Councilman Frank DiCicco, and environmental artist Stacy Levy.

2011 Flower Show Preview Party

Saturday, March 5

Springtime in Paris will be in full bloom at the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show Preview Party on Saturday, March 5. Our black-tie celebration of the City of Light will incorporate everything wonderful about Paris, including romantic gardens, outstanding artists, great food, and musical entertainment. From the Eiffel Tower to can-can dancers, this fun and festive evening offers the perfect opportunity to welcome spring.

For more information, contact Ellen Wheeler at *ewheeler@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8830 or purchase tickets online at *pennhort.net/previewparty*.

charitybuzz and PHS

This year PHS is partnering with charitybuzz (*charitybuzz.com*) an online auction provider, to help raise funds. We are focusing on offering unique experiences, exclusive travel opportunities, celebrity "meet-and-greets," and more.

To bid on these exciting items—and support the work of PHS—visit the online auction at *charitybuzz.com*. Bidding runs from **February 24 through March 18, 2011**. Stay tuned for auction highlights on *PHSonline.org* and *charitybuzz.com* in early 2011.

If you are interested in donating a special experience or item valued at $350 or above, please contact Cecily Macy at 215-988-8805 or *cmacy@pennhort.org*.

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Help Support School Gardening in Philadelphia

PHS is seeking new support from individuals, corporations, and foundations for the PHS **Green City Teachers** program to help us meet a new challenge grant awarded by the Hamilton Family Foundation. Green City Teachers provides Philadelphia educators with training and support to start school gardening programs and bring hands-on horticulture education into their classrooms.

The Hamilton Family Foundation will award $10,000 when PHS raises an equal amount in new or increased support. Your gift will help us meet this challenge and help bring the many benefits of gardening and horticulture to more Philadelphia schoolchildren.

To learn how you can contribute or to refer a corporation or foundation, please contact PHS grants manager David Schneck at *dschneck@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1624.

Your gift will help us meet the Hamilton Family Foundation challenge grant to support the PHS Green City Teachers program, which trains teachers to start school gardening programs.

Support PHS, Help Us Meet the Independence Foundation Challenge!

Please consider helping PHS plant seeds of change and inspiration by making a 100 percent tax-deductible year-end gift. By supporting PHS, you demonstrate your belief in the power of building communities and transforming lives through horticulture. Your donations make PHS programs possible, including:

TreeVitalize One Million. Your contribution helps PHS plant a tree toward our goal of one million new trees in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

City Harvest. Your gift helps PHS grow and donate fresh produce to families in need.

To help PHS sustain its transformative work in the community, the Independence Foundation awarded PHS a challenge grant that **will match all new and increased gifts made to PHS by June 30, 2011**, making your support of PHS go even further.

We are pleased to offer the following giving options:

Mail: PHS
Attn: Development Department
100 North 20th Street – 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Online: Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS" at the top of the screen.

Save the Date! 2011 Azalea Garden Party

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Celebrate the arrival of spring among hundreds of colorful blooming shrubs at the annual party to raise funds for the Azalea Garden. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. The Azalea Garden party offers an evening of food, fun, and activities for the whole family.

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Yes! I/we wish to support PHS and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

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Card# _____ Expiration _____ Card Security Code _____

Signature _____

Mail To: PHS, Attn: Development Department, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Give the Gift of PHS

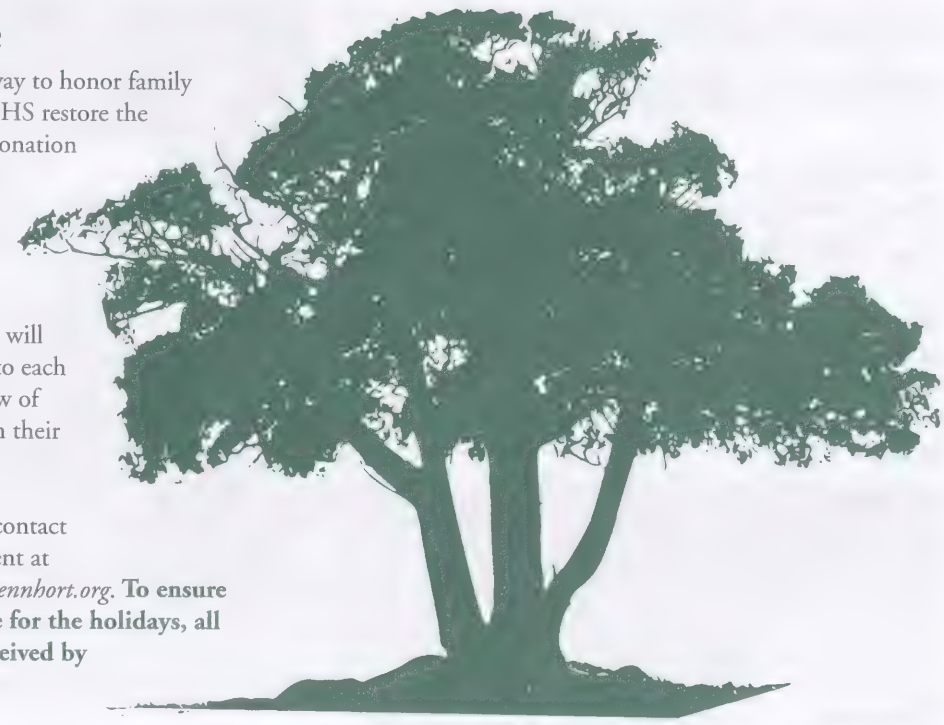
Gift of PHS Membership

"Membership in a Box" is a great holiday gift for the gardeners in your life. Purchase any level of PHS membership and for an additional $10 receive a mug decorated with lilies. Purchase two memberships and get two mugs for only $15. The images on the mug come from a Japanese nursery catalog printed in 1922, which is part of the PHS McLean Library special collections.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFER: Purchase any HOUSEHOLD level membership and receive $5 off the regular membership dues plus receive the lily mug for free. Gift recipients will also qualify for a one-time $25 credit toward a purchase from White Flower Farm, a family-owned mail order nursery located in Connecticut. **This offer is valid for new gift memberships only and expires on December 17, 2010.**

Gift memberships can be purchased by phone with your credit card by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776, Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. To ensure mug delivery in time for the holidays, all orders must be received by December 17, 2010.

Gift of a Tree



Tree gifts are a wonderful way to honor family and friends while helping PHS restore the region's tree canopy. Your donation of any amount will support tree plantings throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region and are 100 percent tax deductible. For gifts of $100 or more, PHS will send a beautiful certificate to each recipient, letting them know of this special tree gift made in their honor.

To make a tree gift, please contact the Development department at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org*. **To ensure certificate delivery in time for the holidays, all contributions must be received by December 17, 2010**.

Give 2011 Flower Show Tickets

Send your family and friends to the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Springtime in Paris*! It's easier than ever to purchase Flower Show tickets. **Convenient, print-at-home tickets** are customizable and can be personalized for holiday giving. Just visit *theflowershow.com*.

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Once you've purchased your Flower Show tickets, treat your family and friends to a lovely Garden Tea at the Philadelphia International Flower Show. Step into serene and elegant surroundings with soothing music and elegant flowers. A light menu of petit sandwiches, pastries, fruit and an assortment of fine teas will enhance any visitor's Flower Show experience. Visit *theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8800 to purchase your Garden Tea tickets.

Please note: Garden Tea tickets do not include Flower Show admission.

Membership News

Flower Show Tickets & Membership Renewal

Tickets to the 2011 Flower Show will be mailed to PHS members in February 2011. If your membership is due to expire within the next several months, we encourage you to renew your membership as early as possible. This will help you avoid delays in receiving your tickets.

Memberships may be renewed by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-1622, or by visiting *PHSonline.org* and clicking on "Membership."

Because of the large volume of memberships with upcoming expiration dates, we have partnered with ComNet Marketing Group, who will be making phone calls on our behalf to assist us with the membership renewal process. If you do not wish to be contacted by phone, we encourage you to respond to our initial mail or email renewal reminder as early as possible. We greatly appreciate your assistance and continued interest in PHS.

Join Our Online Community for a Chance to Win a Free Apple iPad!

PHS is pleased to announce the launch of a new online registration portal where you can renew your membership, make a donation to PHS, and register for an event all in one convenient place. We invite you to become a part of our online community—just visit the PHS website and create a new user account. **All those who create new accounts by December 31, 2010 will be entered to win a free iPad!**

Once you create your account, you'll also be able to view your complete giving history and quickly update your contact information and preferences. Visit our website at *PHSonline.org* to sign up today!

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Workshop:
Deck the Halls, Mantles and Ceilings!
Thursday, December 9, 10 am – 12 noon

Bring some green to your mantle, stairway banister, or tabletop for the holidays. Learn the tricks of the florist trade from Meadowbrook Farm's volunteer coordinator, **Diana K. Weiner**. She will demonstrate how to make roping, wreaths, swags, ornaments, and topiaries from everyday store-bought plants or plants you may have in your own garden. Then you will create a long-lasting boxwood "kissing ball." Space is limited; sign up early for this festive, hands-on event. Please be sure to bring scissors, hand pruners, and gloves. **Limit: 25. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.**

Workshop: Glass Bowl Terrarium Garden
Thursday, January 20, 10 am – 12 noon
Snowdate: January 27

In the depths of winter, what could be better than to brighten your home with a lush, green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure requires special attention. But once assembled, your mini plant world is easy to care for, requiring minimal pruning and limited watering. Led by Meadowbrook horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan**, this hands-on workshop offers all the necessary ingredients, including an 8-inch glass bowl, soil and moss, and an assortment of small plants suitable for terrariums. **Limit: 20. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

Tour: Flower Show Behind the Scenes
Wednesday, February 23, Choose either
10 am – 12 noon OR 1 – 3 pm

How do all those out-of-season plants bloom just in time for the Philadelphia International Flower Show? It's a combination of art and science, and it has its joys and challenges. The magic happens at Meadowbrook Farm. Join **John and Jessica Story** as they lead tours through the greenhouses, highlighting the plants being grown for displays at the 2011 Show, *Springtime in Paris*. You will see them first at Meadowbrook and learn the fascinating details that are part of this amazing horticultural balancing act. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Lynden Miller

PROGRAMS AT PHS

Greensource Lecture:
Parks, Plants and People—
Beautifying the Urban Landscape
Thursday, January 13, 6 pm
PHS Auditorium
100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

This lecture tells the story of the restoration and design of many previously neglected public spaces in New York, such as Bryant Park. Noted garden designer **Lynden Miller** will discuss the design elements necessary for public space to be successful, as well as the larger picture of what good design and green spaces can do: soften and civilize city life and change the way people behave and treat each other. She will show before-and-after photographs of various projects around the city and discuss how they were funded and what effects they have had on city life in New York.

Lynden B. Miller is a public garden designer in New York City and the director of the Conservatory Garden in Central Park, which she rescued and restored beginning in 1982. She has designed many other gardens and parks in all five boroughs of New York City, including gardens for Bryant Park and the New York Botanical Garden. She also designed landscape improvements at university campuses such as Columbia, Stony Brook, and Princeton, as well as plantings for the garden at the Museum of Modern Art. Miller is the author of *Parks, Plants, and People: Beautifying the Urban Landscape*, published by Norton in 2009.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:30 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception and book signing. **FREE.**

Evening Lecture: The Gardens of Paris
Tuesday, February 8, 6 pm
PHS Auditorium
100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Celebrate springtime in Paris early! Paris gardens originally mimicked styles found in Italy and England. Then over the past two hundred years, designers created a uniquely Parisian style as gardens became an expression of French culture. Today there are more than 400 private and public gardens in Paris. This presentation, by **Constance T. Haydock**, will include the best-known parks such as Luxembourg, Tuileries, and Bagatelle; smaller gardens such as Monceau, Rodin, and Carnavalet; and a few surprises such as Promenade du Plantee, Hotel du Sully, and Mosque du Paris.

Constance T. Haydock is a lecturer on historic gardens and a practicing landscape architect. In 2007 she researched Roman villas as a visiting scholar at the American Academy in Rome. She recently returned from a trip to France, where she studied more than 25 large and small Parisian parks and gardens.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:30 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception in the McLean Library. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non members.**

The courtyard garden at the Carnavalet Museum in Paris

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PHS Gardening Series **events are free unless otherwise noted.** For more information and a full list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Starting Seeds Indoors
Tuesday, January 18, 2 – 3 pm

Doylestown District Center Library
150 S. Pine Street
Doylestown, PA

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
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Education Programs

FREE LECTURE SERIES

PHS Auditorium, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor a multi-session course on invasive plants. The course is free, but pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration packet. **To register, please call 215-763-6529, ext. 23.**

Invasive Plants: A Growing Concern in the Mid-Atlantic Region
Six sessions beginning Wednesday, January 19 and continuing on five Mondays: January 24 & 31; February 7, 14, & 21, 2011.

Taught by **Dr. Karen Snetselaar**, this course will look at common invasive plants of the Mid-Atlantic region and take a broader view of why certain plants are considered invasive. Focusing on invasive plants in urban and suburban settings, discussions will include the role of factors such as disturbance and stormwater runoff.

Dr. Karen Snetselaar is professor of biology and chair of the biology department at Saint Joseph's University. She has been a member of the faculty of the Wagner Free Institute of Science since 2000.

MORE ON THE PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

Take an Early Morning Tour at the Flower Show

See the Flower Show in Style. Early Morning Tours provide an intimate and up-close look at the exhibits on weekdays before doors open to the public. Expert guides lead groups of 8 to 12 visitors, sharing behind-the-scenes secrets along the way. Tour participants receive an extra Flower Show ticket for use during regular Show hours on another day and are invited to use the PHS Members' Lounge during the day of their tour. Perfect for early risers, shutterbugs, and fans of all things floral.

The cost for the package is **$85 for PHS members and $105 for non-members**. Space is limited; **reservations (individuals and groups) are required for all early morning tours.** For more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *earlymorningtours@pennhort.org*.

Plan an Overnight Stay for the Flower Show

Many of Philadelphia's finest hotels offer special packages for Flower Show visitors. If you have out-of-town family or friends coming to town for the Show, or if you simply can't take in all that the Show has to offer in one day, be sure to check *theflowershow.com* for hotel offers. For all hotel reservations, call Central Reservations at 1-888-222-1736.

Get Involved in Flower Show Week!

Each year, more than 250,000 visitors travel to the Greater Philadelphia Region to attend the **Philadelphia International Flower Show** and enjoy area shops, restaurants and attractions, generating an economic impact of more than **$35 million**.

Do you know an area business that would be interested in advertising opportunities for *Springtime in Paris* or who would like to participate in our **free annual store-front Phlower Power Window Decorating Contest?** If so, please send an email to *press@pennhort.org*.

Businesses can compete in a number of artistic categories and win prizes, Flower Show tickets, and publicity. Windows must be decorated from February 21 through March 13, 2011. The public can vote for a "Crowd Favorite," so don't forget to check the website to see who's competing so you can visit these stores yourself.

For more information on the contest and advertising opportunities, including web ads, our restaurant and attractions guide, and more, please visit the Attractions/ Around Town page of the Flower Show website, *theflowershow.com*. Check the website in January for great offers from area restaurants and participating attractions.

Get Involved! Flower Show Volunteers Needed

Philadelphia International Flower Show
March 6 - 13, 2011

There are many ways to get involved with the Flower Show as a volunteer. Choose one of the options below and mail in this form, or contact Joseph Dougherty at PHS to learn more (*jdougherty@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8800).

___ **Clerk:** Assist judging teams and lace ribbons.
___ **Exhibitor Aide:** Help exhibitors transport plants.
___ **Family Lounge:** Greet guests and assist with children's activities.
___ **Floral Arrangers:** Demonstrate floral arrangement techniques.
___ **Garden Tea:** Help serve formal tea.
___ **Infonet:** Welcome and direct visitors.
___ **Meadowbrook Farm Store:** Assist with sales and service.
___ **Recorder:** Log information on plant entries.
___ **Runner:** Carry plant entry cards to and from typing table.
___ **PHS Shop:** Assist with sales and service.

Name _____

Address _____

Tel: _____

Email _____

Return this completed form to Joseph Dougherty, PHS, 100 N. 20th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495. Questions? Contact Joe at *jdougherty@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8800.

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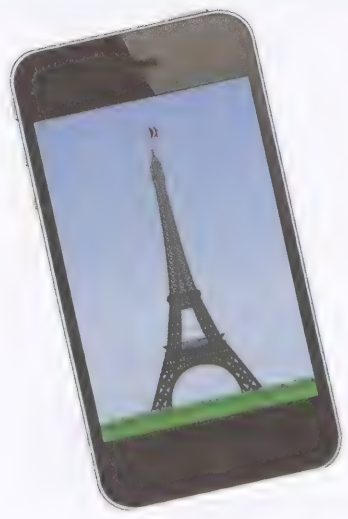

Get Inspired ...

Visit your smart phone's app store and download a free QR code reader. Then scan this code to watch a new Flower Show video! Don't have a smart phone? Watch the video at *theflowershow.com*

PHS Tube

Connect with PHS through Facebook and Twitter and watch videos on the PHS YouTube page.

Travel with Us

Monticello

Virginia Garden Tour with PHS
October 3 – 6, 2011

Join fellow PHS members for four days visiting private and public gardens in and around Charlottesville; Fredericksburg; and Richmond, Virginia. Highlights of the trip will include visits to Maymont, the 100-acre Victorian estate with Japanese, Italian, English, and herb gardens; the historic gardens of Monticello; Chatham Manor in Fredericksburg, designed by Philadelphia-born landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman; and visits to current projects by noted local landscape architects. Hotel accommodations for three nights will be at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville. Chela Kleiber of PHS and Tari Carlson of Royal Road Tours will accompany the group. **For more information or a trip brochure, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.**

The Gardens of Cornwall

April 10 – 20, 2011

This trip has been filled. To have your name added to the wait list, or for more information, please visit the PHS website or contact Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

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2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show Celebrates Paris

Visitors will be transported to the streets of Paris as they enter the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, ***Springtime in Paris,*** **March 6 – 13**. Show visitors will first encounter a Parisian park with an allée of 18-foot-tall flowering trees forming a canopy overhead. Artful flower beds will contain 25,000 tulips in bloom, as well as roses, delphiniums, cleome, and petunias. Anchoring it all will be a 75-foot-wide, 33-foot-tall replica of the Eiffel Tower adorned with lights.

"This year's Flower Show will be "*magnifique!*" says PHS Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney, who designed the entrance display. "The Eiffel Tower is the largest structure we've ever built. And the vistas and views at this year's Show will be like no other."

Six "Showcase Exhibits" by top landscape designers will each interpret the Parisian theme in a unique way. Following is a sneak peek at what these talented design teams are cooking up. Please visit ***theflowershow.com*** for a list of all Flower Show exhibitors, as well as information about events and attractions.

Underground Paris
American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD)
aifd.org

This fantastic exhibit will give visitors a feel for the Catacombs of Paris, where, below the surface of the city, artists have filled the underground tunnels with avant-garde installations. In the AIFD exhibit, the art will all be made with spectacular flowers.

Timeless Paris
Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors, Inc.
Wyndmoor, PA • *burkebrothers.com*

Timeless Paris incorporates elements of traditional and contemporary architecture punctuated by lush park-like spaces that invite sitting, strolling, and reflection, as well as contemplative water features. Stone columns, green walls, and sculptural pieces evocative of Beaux-art style provide focal points within a traditional, early spring setting.

Le Salon des Fleurs: The Time—Paris 1875
Jamie Rothstein Distinctive Floral Designs Inc.
Philadelphia • *jamierothstein.com*

Enjoy an opulent parlor and exterior garden in the style of the Belle Époque. The interior will feature fresh flower arrangements as well as mosaic floral wall panels between large arches topped by cascading flowers. Antique faux arrangements made from objects such as sea shells, wax, wool, paper, and muslin created by aristocratic women of the era will be displayed inside their original blown-glass domes. The exhibit will also include an adjoining formal French garden with brightly colored parterres of flowers accented by antique statues depicting the four seasons.

Artist's Paris
Michael Petrie's Handmade Gardens
Downingtown, PA • *handmadegardens.net*

This garden will bring the "Artist's Paris" from canvas to landscape, featuring well-known artists associated with Paris. Their works will inspire the painted surfaces in the exhibit, as well as the floors and water areas of a formal French boxwood garden.

Delectable Paris
Stoney Bank Nurseries
Glen Mills, PA • *stoneybanknurseries.com*

Look skyward for a taste of "Delectable Paris," celebrating great French cuisine amid overflowing rooftop gardens with vertical planters, a raised bed, tiered planters, and window boxes. Growing in these structures will be a plethora of herbs, flowers, espalier fruit trees, and vegetables. This garden also offers a wealth of ideas for recycling, sustainability, and creative ways to garden in small spaces.

Impressions of Notre Dame
Robertson's Flowers
Glenside, PA • *robertsonsflowers.com*

Enter to see a vision of "Romantic Paris" featuring a fantasy wedding scene at the architectural wonder, Notre Dame. Robertson's will recreate the splendor of a full wedding using white lilies to highlight the silence of the cathedral; bright, romantic splashes of red for the grand wedding ceremony; and gargoyles made with succulents and other plant materials.

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I hope this PHS News finds you well after what were some very cold holidays. Before temperatures plunged below freezing, I was able to bring a little of my garden indoors. Big pots of five-year-old elephant-ears (*Colocasia*) and ferns are now in the sunroom. I love the way they look inside, and the extra effort will pay off this summer, when they will be even bigger and lusher.

The holidays gave everyone at PHS a chance to rest up for our next big event: the Philadelphia International Flower Show. *Springtime in Paris* will open to the public March 6, but I look forward to seeing many of you before then during set-up week.

I have to admit, last year's Show is something of a blur. I arrived at the Convention Center at the end of set-up week, the time when volunteers, garden clubs, major exhibitors, and staff converge to create the biggest and best indoor flower show in the world.

Volunteers have told me that set-up week is like a wonderful family reunion—many call it their summer camp—and judging from what I saw in 2010, I know I am in for a fantastic experience. I am so excited to work with you as we transform a 10-acre empty space into Parisian parks, rooftop gardens, spectacular spaces, cutting-edge floral arrangements, and more.

I have long been fascinated with the Show's celebrated Horticourt, where competition for blue ribbons is fierce. (I didn't believe it when one exhibitor described it as a blood sport, but I do now!) From exquisitely delicate alpine plants to sweetly scented blooming citrus trees, it's no wonder this is one of the most popular places on the Show floor.

Like many Show visitors, I wanted to find out more about the people and stories behind the plants. How do you grow a challenge plant? What tricks do you employ to get a pot of daffodils to bloom on the right judging day? How many people does it take to get the hundreds of plants in place for judging?

The stories are so good, we wanted to share them with everyone. So this year you will find videos of top exhibitors talking about their plants and Flower Show experiences. Be sure to watch. You will see the plants in a new way, and you might even be inspired to enter in 2012.

Thursday, March 10, will be "tree day" in a big way at the Flower Show, as PHS and our partners will officially kick off an ambitious program to plant one million trees in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. It's the same day as the annual tree conference put on by Flower Show sponsor Bartlett Tree Experts, the world's leading scientific tree and shrub care company (see page 3 for more information).

See you at *Springtime in Paris* in just a few weeks!

Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Visit the Meadowbrook Farm Store at the Flower Show

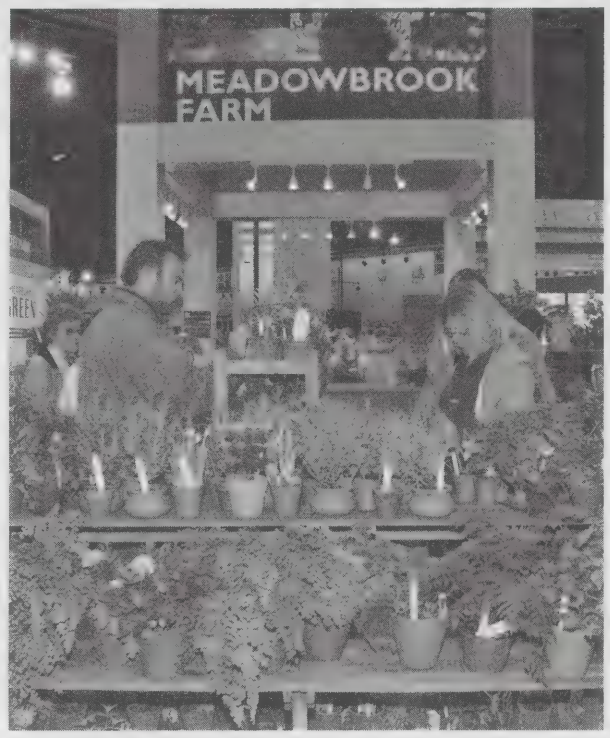
While you're soaking up all things Parisian at the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, be sure to stop by the Meadowbrook Farm Store, located on the Show floor in the PHS area.

"We're really excited about our offerings this year," says Jessica Story, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm. "I know everyone who stops by will find something special, such as a great assortment of cacti & succulents and hard-to-find plants. We'll also have easy-to-grow, unusual houseplants like Brazilian candles and African gardenia, plus a few very special items like fanciful topiary."

In addition to high-quality plants, the shop will also stock gift items such as whimsical animal watering cans, French aprons, one-of-a-kind soaps, and vintage terra cotta pots.

If you can't wait until March 6 for your Flower Show fix, be sure to attend one of the two behind-the-scenes tours at Meadowbrook on February 23 (see page 6 for details and a registration form). You'll get an insider's look at the thousands of plants Meadowbrook is growing for major exhibitors and competitive classes at the Show. You'll learn what it takes to make plants bloom at precisely the right time for the Flower Show.

PHS is grateful to all the volunteers who help plan, set up, and run the Meadowbrook Farm Store at the Flower Show. Special thanks to co-chairs Margo Eremus and Sherrill Rowland.



MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*
Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm

Spotlight on Garden Clubs

Green Countrie Garden Club

The Green Countrie Garden Club was founded in the mid-1960s by a group of neighbors and friends from the Chestnut Hill and Mt. Airy sections of Philadelphia. The group has grown from that small beginning to include people from the towns and neighborhoods of Ambler, Flourtown, Gwynedd Valley, Glenside, and Wyncote as well. Monthly meetings include lectures, workshops, or a road trip to a garden or nursery.

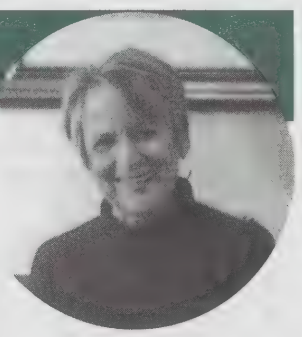
"Many of our members are very involved at the Philadelphia International Flower Show and volunteer at PHS headquarters," says club president Diane Hanson. "Each year, a group from Green Countrie Garden Club exhibits at the Show, and we have received quite a few ribbons over the years in the Competitive Classes section."

"We also work for the community in different ways," Diane adds. "In the past, club members have helped out at the Ronald McDonald House, Fairmount Park houses, The Highlands, and the Chestnut Hill Christmas House Tour, to name a few activities. We like to donate money to various horticultural projects. And of course, we always welcome new members."

For more information on the Green Countrie Garden Club, email Diane at *dihans@verizon.net* or call 215-887-9654.

In the Spotlight

Chris Donahower



It would not be too much of a stretch to say that Chris Donahower has the Philadelphia International Flower Show in her blood. Both of her parents were prize-winning exhibitors and big advocates for PHS, as well as avid gardeners who planted 250,000 daffodils in their back woods. Chris has been visiting the Flower Show since she was a child.

Eventually Chris became enthralled with the Miniature Settings section of the show and began to compete and win ribbons with her own creations. An accomplished painter, she returned to school after raising a family and earned a fine arts degree from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in 1997. Her artistic skills often came into play when painting backgrounds and placing elements in her mini-settings.

More than 20 years ago, Chris was asked to serve as chair of the Miniature Settings class, a position she has held steadily since then. "It's a great group of people," says Chris. "Even though it is competitive, the people are very genuine and are always willing and help each other out."

Although she no longer exhibits at the Show, Chris uses the niches she made over the years to help teach new exhibitors. "The Miniature Settings are a real crowd pleaser," she says. "And over the years, the horticultural elements of the entries have become more prominent."

The 2011 Show will be Chris's last year as chair of Miniature Settings; she'll turn over the reins to current vice-chair Nancy Grube. PHS staff member Betty Greene, who works closely with competitive class volunteers, can't say enough good things about Chris Donahower: "She is very kind and has nurtured many exhibitors in the Miniature Settings class. It's not easy because it is very precise, very time-consuming work. Chris has great attention to detail and a great eye for design. I think many exhibitors have improved over the years thanks to her guidance."

A lifetime PHS member, Chris also belongs to the Wissahickon Garden Club and, no doubt, will remain a familiar face at the Flower Show. "Everyone at the Flower Show, from the exhibitors to the volunteers to the PHS staff, is so warm and welcoming," she says. "It's a thrill to be a part of it and to work with such amazing people."

2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show

New Feature at the Flower Show Highlights Outstanding Cut Flowers

Visitors to the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show will enjoy a new feature, the "**Floral Showcase**," a display of the newest and most outstanding varieties of flowers and floral design.

Working with the Society of American Florists and the Smithers-Oasis Company, PHS will host dozens of noted designers who will create cutting-edge arrangements and displays each day. The designers will explain how they determine the best arrangements for home décor and will demonstrate how different designs fit specific occasions, including holidays, weddings, and other celebrations.

Show visitors will view the exotic and unusual, as well as new varieties of popular blooms already on the market provided by the finest floral companies and growers in the country. Kremp Florist will coordinate the presentation and sale of exceptional flowers in the new showcase.

Flower Show guests will also have opportunities to win arrangements displayed in the "Floral Showcase." Visit *theflowershow.com* for more information.

March 6 -13, 2011
Springtime in Paris

LOCATION
Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19107

FLOWER SHOW INFORMATION
theflowershow.com, 215-988-8899 (recorded information)

HOURS
Sundays, March 6 & March 13, 8 am – 6 pm
Monday-Friday, March 7 – 11, 10 am – 9:30 pm
Saturday, March 12, 8 am – 9:30 pm

ADMISSION

Online (plus $.75 service fee)
Adult: $25
Student: $20
Child: $15

Box Office at the Show
Adult, Opening Day (March 6th): $30
Adult, Monday-Friday: $26
Adult, Closing Weekend (Sat., March 12 and Sun., March 13): $28
Student: $20
Child: $15

Group:
Adult: $24
Student: $20
Child: $15

Advance General Admission* at select retailers (Service charge may apply; please call retailer for details.)
Adult: $25
Student: $20
Child: $15

Student (ages 17-24): 20**
Student tickets available online and at the Flower Show Box Office. You must present a valid student ID and proof of age to receive discount.

*Sales Outlets: Individual tickets are available at *theflowershow.com* or at participating PNC Bank Branches, AAA Mid-Atlantic, ACME Markets, Giant Food Stores, Boscov's stores, SEPTA ticket sales outlets, local garden centers, nurseries and florists. Check availability with individual outlets; service charges may apply.

**Student tickets are available at *theflowershow.com* and at the Flower Show Box Office. Must present valid ID and proof of age to receive student discount.

Learn About Gardening at the Flower Show

PHS welcomes the world's leaders in horticulture, gardening, and design who will present **free educational offerings** at the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show on such timely topics as urban agriculture, eco-friendly design, new gadgets, water conservation, and more.

Gardening experts, authors, and celebrities will share their knowledge daily in the popular **Lectures and Demonstrations** series on the Convention Center Concourse in Rooms 201 B and 201 C. Look for these highlights:

- **George Ball**, chairman and CEO of W. Atlee Burpee Company, founded in 1876
  burpee.com
- **Melinda Myers**, author, arborist, teacher, columnist and TV garden show host
  melindamyers.com
- **Stephanie Cohen**, an active author and garden writer known as the "Perennial Diva"
  theperennialdiva.com
- **Ray Rogers**, lecturer, Flower Show exhibitor, and co-author of *The Philadelphia Flower Show: Celebrating 175 Years*
  showplants.net
- **Robin Templar Williams**, award-winning British landscape designer and author
  robinwilliams.co.uk

Another favorite venue is the **Gardener's Studio**, sponsored by Subaru, where informal demonstrations happen each day right on the Flower Show exhibit floor. This year's presentations will include:

- **New Garden Gadgets** by Meadowbrook Farm
- **Roses** from the Philadelphia Rose Society and West Jersey Rose Society
- **Orchids** by Michael Bowell of Create-a-Scene
- **Flower Arranging** from Cheryl Wilks of Flowers on Location

For a complete schedule of educational programs and all special events at the Flower Show, please visit *theflowershow.com* or pick up a printed program at Show information booths.

Tree Care Update at the Philadelphia International Flower Show
Thursday, March 10, 9 am – 3:30 pm

This seminar for professionals in the landscape, nursery, and design trades, sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts, also has appeal for anyone who cares for trees. To request a brochure please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *cdutill@pennhort.org*.

Membership News

Flower Show Members' Preview
2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show
Saturday, March 5, 12 noon – 3:30 pm

The 2011 Flower Show Members' Preview will be held on Saturday, March 5, from noon to 3:30 pm. Members at Household or Leadership levels may use their Flower Show tickets to attend either the Members' Preview or anytime during public hours. Subscriber or Associate members may upgrade their membership to attend the Members' Preview; contact Member Services at 215-988-8776.

You may also visit the Flower Show Membership Sales & Will Call Booth (see hours at right) for renewals, upgrades, and assistance with any membership-related issue.

Members can purchase additional tickets for guests to attend the Members' Preview ($70 adult/$30 child). Tickets can be purchased at PHS until Thursday, March 3 or at the Membership Sales & Will Call Booth.

Please note: Tickets to the 2011 Flower Show will be mailed to members during the first week of February. If you have questions regarding your tickets, please contact Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.

Membership Renewals

There is still time to renew your membership and receive tickets to this year's Flower Show. Renew online at *PHSonline.org* (click on "Membership") or call Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832. You may also renew or upgrade your membership at the Membership Sales & Will Call Booth.

Membership Sales & Will Call Booth hours:
Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th & Arch streets

Saturday, March 5	10 am – 2 pm
Sunday, March 6 & March 13	7 am – 5 pm
Mon. – Fri., March 7 – 11	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Saturday, March 12	7 am – 8:30 pm

If your membership expires in April or May 2011, visit the PHS Membership Booth inside the Flower Show to renew your membership and get tickets to the *2012* Flower Show.

PHS Members' Lounge at the Flower Show
Room 201

Coffee … you asked for it, and it's back! Coffee and tea will be available in the PHS Members' Lounge at the Flower Show. While you are resting your feet, enjoy an exclusive display in the Members' Lounge this year: "Landslide: Every Tree Tells a Story," a traveling photography exhibition presented by the Cultural Landscapes Foundation.

PHS Members' Lounge Hours

Members' Preview Day, March 5	closed
Sunday, March 6	10 am – 4 pm*
Mon. – Fri., March 7 – 11	10 am – 7 pm **
Saturday, March 12	10 am – 7 pm*
Sunday, March 13	10 am – 4 pm *

* coffee service until 2pm
** coffee service until 3pm

Join our Online Community

PHS is pleased to announce our new online registration portal where you can renew your membership, make a donation to PHS, and register for an event—all in one convenient place. **Just visit *PHSonline.org* and click on the link to create a new user account**. You'll be able to view your complete giving history, update your contact information, and more. Visit *PHSonline.org* today to sign up.

2011 Events for Members of the 1827 Society

The 1827 Society is a special circle of PHS supporters who, through generous annual contributions, demonstrate their commitment to the educational and community-outreach mission of PHS. Members of the 1827 Society enjoy special events throughout the year. Following are highlights of upcoming happenings. Formal invitations will be mailed. For information on becoming a member of the 1827 Society, please visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "Membership" or call the Member Services department at 215-988-8776.

Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the 2011 Flower Show
Springtime in Paris
Friday, March 4, 2011, 11 am
Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA

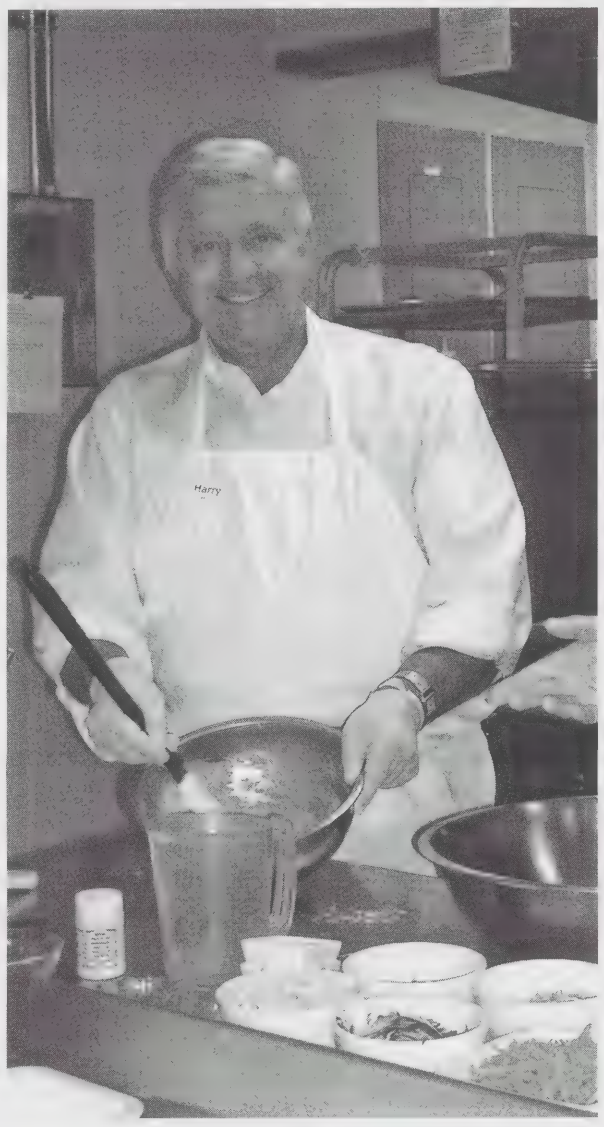
See the Flower Show come to life at this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of "Springtime in Paris."

1827 Society Garden Party
Date (May or June 2011) and location to be announced

Join fellow 1827 Society members for refreshments and a private tour of a Philadelphia-area home garden as we celebrate all that the 1827 Society helps PHS achieve.

Private Tour of the Re-Landscaped Rodin Museum
Date in June 2011 to be announced
Rodin Museum, Philadelphia

A partner with the design firm OLIN, Susan K. Weiler will share an insider's perspective of the restoration of the Rodin Museum grounds and landscaping.



PHS Council member Harry Hill attended a recent 1827 Society cooking class.

Support PHS with charitybuzz.com

Bid on Five Nights in Paris!

Partnering with *charitybuzz.com*, PHS will participate in an online auction for exciting experiences including a five-night stay in Paris! The auction runs from **February 24 through March 18, 2011** and all proceeds will benefit PHS. You can enjoy a fabulous item or once-in-a-lifetime event while supporting an organization you care about. Auction items include:

- Five-night apartment rental in Paris
- A Phabulous Phillies VIP Experience with general manager Ruben Amaro
- Four clubhouse tickets to the 2011 AT&T National at Aronimink Golf Club, in Newtown Square, PA
- Four tickets to Pennsylvania Ballet in 2011, followed by a special meet-and-greet with artistic director Roy Kaiser

Visit *charitybuzz.com* or *PHSonline.org* to view all auction items. In addition to the online auction, you can make bids at the Flower Show Preview Party on March 5. Look for charitybuzz folks with iPads who can take bids live. Happy bidding!

Azalea Garden Party

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Join us for the 2011 Azalea Garden Party on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. This annual celebration raises funds for the year-round maintenance of the four-acre garden in Fairmount Park, just west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Dress in your best garden hats and attire and join us for an evening of food, fun, and activities for the whole family on the scenic Waterworks promenade behind the museum. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Michelle Nicoletto at *mnicoletto@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8762.

2011 Flower Show Preview Party

Saturday, March 5

Can-can dancers and mimes, fashion, food, and flair—the Flower Show Preview Party will have it all! Join us under the Eiffel Tower as we welcome *Springtime in Paris* at the gala opening on Saturday, March 5 beginning at 6 pm. For ticket prices or to subscribe online, visit *theflowershow.com/attractions/preview.html* or contact Ellen Wheeler at *ewheeler@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8830.

Do You Work for a Matchmaker?

Many companies have matching gift programs that double or even triple employee gifts to PHS, and your employer may be one of them! Some companies also match gifts of retirees, spouses, surviving spouses, and outside directors. Check with your employer's human resources department for information on how you can increase your support to PHS.

Support PHS: Help Us Meet the Independence Foundation Challenge!

The Independence Foundation has awarded PHS a challenge grant that **will match all new and increased gifts made to PHS by June 30, 2011**—making your support of PHS go even further. Please consider helping PHS plant seeds of change and inspiration by making a 100-percent tax-deductible gift. By supporting PHS you demonstrate your belief in the power of building communities and transforming lives through horticulture. Your donations make PHS programs possible, including:

Tree Planting. Your contribution helps PHS plant a tree and to reach our goal of one million new trees in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

City Harvest. Your gift helps PHS grow and donate fresh produce to families in need.

We are pleased to offer the following giving options:

Mail the form on this page to:
PHS
Attn: Development Department
100 North 20th Street – 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Online: Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS" at the top of the screen.

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Yes! I/we wish to support PHS and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

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Mail To: PHS, Attn: Development Department, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

PHS Receives $200,000 Grant from Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

PHS was named a 2010 Philadelphia Neighborhood Builder, the nonprofit category of the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative of Bank of America. PHS received $200,000 in unrestricted funding as a participant in Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Leadership Program. PHS was recognized for programs that use horticulture and urban farming to revitalize neighborhoods and parks and provide "green jobs" training.

PHS accomplishes its greening and community revitalization work by partnering with local organizations and by educating and empowering citizen activists. It has largely relied on traditional methods of outreach such as community forums and training workshops. The Bank of America funds will allow PHS to update its technology and create new communication tools with the goal of increasing participation by young people in its greening initiatives. Studies show that younger people get involved with their communities through new media and social networking tools to a much greater extent than through traditional methods.

"Addressing new technology is critical for PHS to sustain its community engagement work into the future," says PHS President Drew Becher. "We are grateful to Bank of America for providing resources that will help us cultivate a new generation of greening advocates."

Tom Woodward of Bank of America presents a check to PHS President Drew Becher.

As part of an effort to stimulate economic vitality in Philadelphia and communities across the nation, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation announced $450,000 in flexible funding and leadership training to local Philadelphia nonprofits through its Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, bringing the bank's total commitment in Philadelphia through the program to $2.7 million since 2005. "Through our Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, we are helping to generate meaningful and cumulative economic and social impact at the local level where it's needed most," says Tom Woodward, Pennsylvania market president for Bank of America.

Give the Gift of PHS to Your Valentine

2011 Flower Show Tickets

What could be more romantic than a trip to Paris? Send your valentine to the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Springtime in Paris* (March 6 – 13). It's easier than ever to purchase Flower Show tickets. Convenient, print-at-home tickets are available at *theflowershow.com*.

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Sponsored by:

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Treat your valentine to the Garden Tea at the Flower Show. Step into serene and elegant surroundings with soothing music and gorgeous flowers. Enjoy a light menu of petit sandwiches, pastries, fruit, and an assortment of fine teas. Visit *theflowershow.com* or call 215-988-8800 to purchase your Garden Tea tickets. **Please note: Tickets for the Garden Tea do not include Flower Show admission. Flower Show tickets must be purchased separately.**

PHS Membership: A Gift that Blooms Every Month of the Year

For anyone interested in flowers and gardening, the PHS "**Membership in a Box**" makes a perfect Valentine's Day gift. Purchase any level of PHS membership and for an additional $10 receive a mug decorated with a lily image.

In addition, new PHS Membership gift recipients at the Household level or above will receive a one-time $25 credit toward a purchase from White Flower Farm, a family-owned mail-order nursery.

Gift memberships may be purchased by phone with your credit card by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776, Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 4 pm. PHS will send a personalized greeting card informing the recipient of your gift. Visit *PHSonline.org* for information about membership levels and benefits.

Gift of a Tree

Planting a tree in honor of a special person in your life is a thoughtful and sustainable way to celebrate Valentine's Day. Your gift also will help PHS restore the region's tree canopy. Donations of any amount will support tree plantings throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region and are 100 percent tax deductible. For gifts of $100 or more, PHS will send a beautiful certificate to recipients, letting them know of this special tree gift made in their honor.

To make a tree gift please visit *http://pennhort.net/trees* or contact the Development department at 215-988-8762 or *giving@pennhort.org*. **Please note:** *All orders must be received by February 7, 2011 to ensure certificate delivery for Valentine's Day.*

Become a Tree Tender!

Spring Training Sessions

Help beautify your neighborhood and region by planting and tending trees. Through its Tree Tenders® program, PHS offers nine hours of hands-on training for residents of the five-county Philadelphia region. The training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care, and working within your community. Act 48 Professional Development Credits available for teachers. **To register, please visit *pennhort.net/treetenders*.**

Montgomery County
Three Mondays: March 28, April 4 & 11, 6–9 pm
Lower Frederick Township Building
53 Spring Mount Road
Spring Mount, PA
Information: Barley Van Clief, *bvanclief@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8793

Delaware County
Three Wednesdays: April 6, 13 & 20, 6–9 pm
Rutledge Borough Hall & Community Center
212 Unity Terrace
Rutledge, PA
Information: Barley Van Clief, *bvanclief@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8793

Philadelphia
Three Thursdays: May 5, 12 & 19, 5:45–8:45 pm
PHS
100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA
Information: Mindy Maslin, *mmaslin@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844

Get Your Houseplants Ready for Spring!

• Spring is a great time to re-pot your houseplants. Buy a bag of soil-less mix (or whichever medium is correct for your particular plants), and re-pot them in a utility room or garage. Make sure not to leave plants in freezing temperatures for any extended period.

• As you re-pot, give thought to those plants that have grown larger and need to be put in the next-sized pot. Avoid trying to squeeze large root masses into small pots—you want to give the roots room to grow.

• Start fertilizing your plants again in spring, which will gear them up for the growing season ahead.

• Groom your plants by removing dead leaves and check for insects. If a plant is infested with mites or another pest, either spray it with insecticidal soap or throw it out to avoid infesting your healthy plants.

• If you've overwintered annuals, you might want to cut them back dramatically for spring growth. Otherwise, you risk the plants becoming leggy and unattractive.

• Think about where your plants will go this summer. Will they stay inside or will you find a spot for them in your garden? Read up on each plant's needs and decide accordingly.

To purchase houseplants and learn more about their care, visit Meadowbrook Farm (*meadowbrookfarm.org*).

Education Programs

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA

New! Register for Meadowbrook programs online at *pennhort.net/meadowbrook.*

Tour: Flower Show Behind the Scenes

Wednesday, February 23
Choose either 10 am – 12 noon OR 1 – 3 pm

How do all those out-of-season plants bloom just in time for the Philadelphia International Flower Show? It's a combination of art and science, and it has its joys and challenges. The magic happens at Meadowbrook Farm. Join **John and Jessica Story** as they lead a tour through the greenhouses, highlighting the plants being grown for the 2011 Show, *Springtime in Paris*. You will see them first at Meadowbrook and learn the fascinating details that are part of this amazing horticultural balancing act. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Bonsai for Beginners

Wednesday, March 23, 10 am – 12 noon

Horticulture and art make a great pair! Join Meadowbrook staff member **Bernard Pettit**, a graduate of Temple University's Tyler School of Art, as he demonstrates the basic theories and practices of the ancient art of bonsai. You will receive a young plant to practice your skills during class. Please bring hand pruners or bonsai tools. **Limit: 15. Fee: $60 members, $70 non-members.**

Workshop: Divide and Conquer

Thursday, March 31, 10 am – 12 noon OR
Saturday, April 2, 10 am – 12 noon

Some of the best varieties you can plant this spring are right in front of you, just waiting to be increased in number. By propagating your own plants, you can get more for your own garden, give some away to friends, or share your favorites with PHS members at the PHS Plant Dividend at our Fall Garden Festival. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will show different types of root systems and explain which have to be divided, which plants you can layer, and how to propagate a variety of perennials. This course will turn the apprehension of propagation into a delight of discovery and success. Participants will receive hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. Please indicate which day you prefer. **Limit 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Demonstration: Veggies 101— Your Home Vegetable Garden

Thursday, April 7, 10 am – 12 noon

Grow local, eat local! It's time to plant your own vegetable garden. This workshop will address how to plan a garden in a sunny spot and get started. Meadowbrook Farm horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan** will discuss varieties of plants, best sowing times, fertilization, and insect and disease control using both traditional and organic practices. There will be plenty of useful information for experienced vegetable gardeners as well. Enjoy veggies picked fresh from your own garden this summer! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walking Demonstration: Gardening With Nature— Tough Spots and Composting

Wednesday, April 13, 10 am – 12 noon

Do you struggle getting plants to grow in dry shade, heavy soil, scorching sun, wet areas, or "dead zones?" Every garden has its problem spots, and Meadowbrook Farm head gardener **Glenn Ashton** will share his secrets for meeting these and other challenges. He'll help you choose the right plants for the right places, so you can work with your environment rather than against it. He'll also offer composting tips for turning your organic waste to rich "black gold" for your garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: No Dig, No Till, No Kidding

Thursday, April 21, 10 am – 12 noon

There is a suburban greening revival going on in Abington Township, PA, and it can be seen at schools, at township pools, around signs, and in small parks. It started with a hope of beautifying municipal parks and has grown to encompass much more. And the best part: it involves no digging or tilling, just a unique method of using everyday household paper products and free compost to quickly make garden beds. Meadowbrook Farm volunteer coordinator **Diana K. Weiner** will introduce you to Everyone Can Garden™ and help you choose the right plants for your site. Homeowners and project leaders alike will love this easy way to create a garden in a day! **Limit: 30. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia

Evening Lecture: The Gardens of Paris

Tuesday, February 8, 6 pm

Celebrate *Springtime in Paris* early! Paris gardens originally mimicked styles found in Italy and England. Then over the past two hundred years, designers created a uniquely Parisian style as gardens became an expression of French culture. Today there are more than 400 private and public gardens in Paris. This presentation by **Constance T. Haydock** will include the best-known parks such as Luxembourg, Tuileries, and Bagatelle; smaller gardens such as Monceau, Rodin, and Carnavalet; and a few surprises such as Promenade Plantee, Hotel du Sully, and Mosque de Paris.

Constance T. Haydock is a lecturer on historic gardens and a practicing landscape architect. In 2007 she researched Roman villas as a visiting scholar at the American Academy in Rome. She recently returned from a trip to France, where she studied more than 25 large and small Parisian parks and gardens.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:30 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception in the Library. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non members.**

Workshop: Painting Flowers and Plants with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays: March 15 – May 3
10 am – 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor or have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, exercises to create form and dimensionality, and discussion of brushes and paper. It is necessary to attend the first session of this eight-part series. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. **Limit: 15. Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) The following fees will apply if your request is received five days in advance: Bus trips $5, all other events $3.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
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☐ **I/We would like to support PHS education programs.**

Donation amount: _____ (select payment method above).

Education Programs

Workshop: Creating Miniature Garden Portraits in Colored Pencil
Two Thursdays: April 14 and 21,
10 am – 3 pm

Create a charming, intimate "portrait" of a garden you love. In this workshop, taught by **Eileen Rosen**, you will begin by learning and practicing colored-pencil techniques, then learn to reduce and eliminate extraneous details of the larger landscape. All levels of experience are welcome. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. **Limit: 15. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members**.

Evening Lecture: Lessons from Artists—Unleashing Creativity in Your Garden
Thursday, April 21, 6 pm, PHS Auditorium

Garden designers face some daunting questions: How do I begin the creative process? Where can I find inspiration? How will I know if my design is successful? Join **Gary Smith** to explore how to approach these questions like an artist. With an artist's tools and ways of looking at the world, you will be able to design gardens that combine the unique character of a place with your innermost creative spirit.

W. Gary Smith is an artist and landscape architect who specializes in botanical gardens and arboretums, as well as public art installations and private gardens, weaving together ecological and cultural themes. His local work includes the Stopford Family Meadow Maze and the Wister Rhododendron Garden, both at Tyler Arboretum; Peirce's Woods at Longwood Gardens; and Enchanted Woods at Winterthur. He is the author of *From Art to Landscape: Unleashing Creativity in Garden Design* (2010, Timber Press). He lives in Toronto, Ontario.

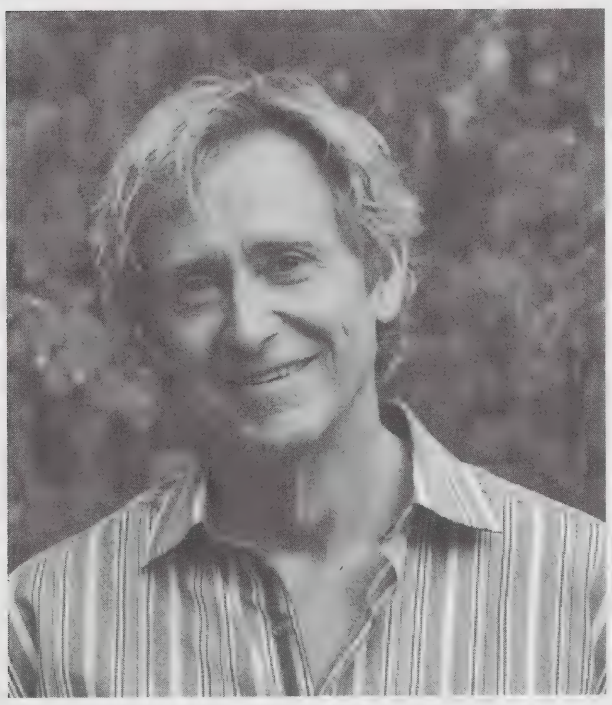
The McLean Library will be open until 5:30 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and wine and cheese reception. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members**.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

New! Register for Chanticleer programs online at *pennhort.net/chanticleer.*

Walk: Spring Bulbs
Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk will explore the cheerful, most rewarding flowers of spring: Dutch bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald** will focus on spring-blooming bulbs that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.



Garden designer Gary Smith will lecture on April 21.

Walk: Cool Containers—Exciting Plant Combinations for Early Spring
Thursday, April 14, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Most gardeners get itchy for bit of green and color in early spring. But does the threat of severe temperature changes frighten you away from planting early containers? With a little creativity, you can grow far more in your early-spring pots than just pansies. Cold-tolerant annuals, bulbs, cut branches, perennials, and woody plants make dynamic combinations that stand up to changeable weather. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will offer ideas and inspiration during this demonstration, discussion, and tour of the early-season containers at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs
Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will discuss all aspects of pruning garden shrubs and demonstrate basic techniques. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

REGIONAL PROGRAM
Wesley United Methodist Church
Bethlehem, PA

Evening Lecture: The Best Perennials of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow by David Culp
Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm

When selecting plants for today's perennial gardens, gardeners are faced with almost overwhelming choices. **David Culp** will help you cut through the hype and reduce the confusion, offering a clear look at what's new, what's unusual, and what remains steadfast in the world of perennial plants. You'll walk away with a jam-packed list of solid foundation plants and great insights for spotting the perennial stars of tomorrow.

David Culp is sales representative for Sunny Border Nurseries, where he also is responsible for plant research and development. His own garden is a frequent stop on local tours and has been featured on Home & Garden Television Network (HGTV); Martha Stewart; and in numerous publications. A noted hellebore hybridizer, David is an instructor at Longwood Gardens; contributing editor to *Horticulture* magazine; and a freelance author, designer, and lecturer.

This lecture is co-sponsored by PHS and the Hardy Plant Society. Directions will be mailed with confirmation letters. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments. **Fee: $10 members of PHS and HPS, $20 non-members**.

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE
The Union League of Philadelphia
140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia

Evening Lecture: Flowering of Tuscany—British Gardens in Italy, 1900-1930
Monday, April 4, 6:30 pm

At the beginning of the twentieth century, one in six people living in Florence was either British or American. These expatriates, more than 40,000 of them, had come to Italy to re-invent themselves. An important part of that process was restoring an Italian property and garden—preferably one with Medici connections—to create a glorious setting for entertaining. British émigrés such as Arthur Acton at La Pietra and Walburga and Lady Paget at Bellosguardo brought with them a love for flowers, adding a new appreciation of color and scent to the restrained Renaissance Italian garden tradition of evergreens, water, and stone. In the hills outside Florence, the brilliant and enigmatic English garden designer Cecil Pinsent created villas and gardens for influential expatriates, including the Berensons at I Tatti, Lady Sybil Cutting at Villa Medici, and Lady Scott of Ancrum at Villa Capponi. Noted garden historian and author **Anna Pavord** will examine these magnificent gardens and explain how the British transformed Tuscan landscapes and garden design.

Anna Pavord is the author of eight books, including the bestselling *The Tulip* (1999) and her latest book, *The Curious Gardener*. She contributes to a number of American and British magazines and regularly fronts programs for BBC Radio. She chairs the Gardens Panel of the National Trust and sits on the Parks and Gardens Panel of English Heritage. She lives in Dorset, England.

This lecture will be preceded by a cash-bar reception at 6 pm and followed by an optional dinner. **Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by April 1.** Formal business attire required. Co-sponsored by The Royal Oak Foundation and the Union League of Philadelphia.

Fees: lecture only, $25 for members of PHS, Royal Oak Foundation, and Union League; $30 non-members. Lecture and dinner, $70 members and guests. Registration is required through the Royal Oak Foundation. Please visit *royal-oak.org/lectures* or call Robert Dennis at 212-480-2889, ext. 201.

SAVE THE DATE: PHS GARDEN VISITS
May 1; September 25, noon – 5pm

PHS members will tour private gardens in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia on Sunday, May 1 and Barto to Pennsburg, PA, on Sunday, September 25 from noon to 5 pm. Please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *cdutill@pennhort.org* for more information. **Fee: PHS members $15, non-member guests: $30**.

PHS GARDENING SERIES
PHS Gardening Series events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a full list of activities, please browse the calendar at *PHSonline.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Sweetheart Flower Arranging
Saturday, February 5, 1 – 2 pm
Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Farm
2359 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ
Registration required. Please contact Marilyn Reynolds (see above) to register.

Vegetable Gardening 101
Saturday, March 19, 10 – 11 am
LaMott Community Center
7420 Sycamore Ave
Elkins Park, Pa 19027

Herbal Themed Containers
Wednesday, March 23, 1 – 2 pm
Wissahickon Valley Public Library, Blue Bell branch
650 Skippack Pike
Blue Bell, PA

Starting the Garden—Naturally
Sunday, April 3, 2 – 3 pm
Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Farm
2359 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ

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"Go Green" by Reading *Green Scene* Online!

Want to read *Green Scene* online? An electronic version of *Green Scene* will be available beginning with the March 2011 issue. A special link to the next issue will be sent to your inbox upon publication. To submit your email address or to "opt-out" of the print version of the magazine, **send an email to *memserv@pennhort.org.***

This will help us reduce our printing and mailing costs, and better still, you can opt back in at any time and go back to the paper version. Please join PHS in helping to conserve paper by trying out our new e-magazine. We think you'll like it!

Get ready for *Springtime in Paris*, March 6 – 13

Want to get a taste of Paris right now? Visit your smart phone's app store and download a free QR code reader. Then scan this code to watch a special Flower Show video. Bookmark *theflowershow.com* and check back frequently for up-to-the-minute information on Philadelphia International Flower Show exhibitors, entertainment, and attractions.

PHS Tube

Connect with PHS through Facebook and Twitter and watch videos on our PHS YouTube page.

Travel with Us

Virginia Garden Tour with PHS October 3 – 6, 2011

Join fellow PHS members for four days visiting private and public gardens in and around Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, and Richmond, Virginia. Highlights of the trip will include visits to **Maymont**, the 100-acre Victorian estate with Japanese, Italian, English, and herb gardens; the historic gardens of **Monticello**; **Chatham Manor** in Fredericksburg, designed by Philadelphia-born landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman; and visits to current projects by noted local landscape architects. Hotel accommodations for three nights will be at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville. Chela Kleiber of PHS and Tari Carlson of Royal Road Tours will accompany the group. For more information or a trip brochure, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.

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Help PHS Plant One Million Trees

Beginning this spring, PHS will lead **Plant One Million**, an ambitious, multi-state campaign to plant one million trees in the Greater Philadelphia Region. The goal is to increase the "tree canopy cover"—the area of land shaded by trees—to 30 percent.

In recent decades our region has lost millions of trees. To address the problem, PHS teamed up with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in 2004 and, to date, has planted 150,000 trees in southeastern Pennsylvania. Plant One Million expands on that program to encompass 13 counties in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. PHS will partner with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, the New Jersey Tree Foundation, and the Delaware Center for Horticulture.

"Plant One Million will have a big impact on the environment throughout our region," says PHS President Drew Becher.

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plantonemillion.org

How You Can Help

Tree champions and volunteers are needed in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

- Plant a tree on your own property, and then visit our website to record your tree so it will be counted!
- Volunteer for a community tree-planting in your neighborhood or town. Visit *plantonemillion.org* and check out the interactive map for tree-planting locations.
- Become a PHS Tree Tender.
- Donate to Plant One Million to help pay for trees, planting, and maintenance. To contribute online, please visit *pennhort.net/trees* or contact the PHS Development department at 215-988-8762 or *giving@pennhort.org*.

Plant One Million includes the following counties:

Pennsylvania
Bucks
Chester
Delaware
Montgomery
Philadelphia

New Jersey
Burlington
Camden
Gloucester
Mercer
Salem

Delaware
New Castle
Kent
Sussex

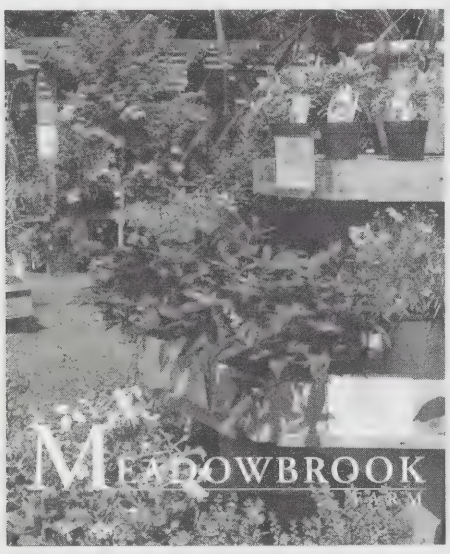
For more on Plant One Million, see pages 3 & 4.

How Trees Help the Environment

- Trees clean the air: 100 mature trees remove 1.2 tons of CO_2 per year and 130 pounds of other pollutants.
- Trees help reduce flooding: one large tree can soak up almost 2,000 gallons of rainwater each year.
- Trees keep rivers and streams healthy by filtering pollutants from storm runoff.
- Trees improve our physical and mental health.
- Trees reduce summer cooling costs and increase property values.
- Tree-lined shopping districts are more profitable than commercial areas without trees.

Plant One Million Partners & Funders

- Aqua America
- Delaware Center for Horticulture
- New Jersey Tree Foundation
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, TreeVitalize
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- PENNVEST, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
- Philadelphia Office of Housing & Community Development
- Philadelphia Parks & Recreation
- U.S. Forest Service
- William Penn Foundation



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Springtime with PHS

I am so excited that spring is finally here! The promise of more sunshine makes the clean-up chores a little easier when I am tending to the storm-damaged ornamental trees and shrubs in my garden.

The Philadelphia International Flower Show was a wonderful way to welcome a return to warmer weather, and I am grateful to all our members, volunteers, sponsors, major and individual exhibitors, garden clubs, Marketplace vendors, and PHS staff who made this event a smashing success. Thanks to you, the Show has a tremendous $61 million economic impact on the Greater Philadelphia Region.

We have planned for you a fantastic April and May—PHS's designated Tree and Gardening months, respectively—and I know you will be as eager as I am to get out and get growing. There is something for everyone, and I believe our upcoming events represent some of the best that PHS has to offer.

How about a Flower Show just for children? PHS's **Kids Grow Expo** on April 29 at Temple University, Ambler Campus, is a green-focused festival for school-age children. Fun and educational, Kids Grow Expo has grown by leaps and bounds and is the perfect way to connect children with the environment.

Want to help clean and green a Philadelphia neighborhood park? The annual spring version of "**Love Your Park**," when community and corporate volunteers work together at some 100 city parks, is scheduled for April 16. It's inspiring to see how great these parks look after a morning of raking, pruning, and painting, and we encourage you to come help us do some good—and have a lot of fun transforming these vital urban oases.

Ready to get your own garden growing? Join me at the **Meadowbrook Farm Open House** on April 30, when PHS will have special activities for families; hands-on learning opportunities; tours of the Pennock house and private garden; and a sales yard full of healthy, cutting-edge plants. I know you will be inspired to try something new.

You can find out about many more events and activities we have planned in this *PHS News*, from tree planting events as part of our **Plant One Million** campaign to **PHS Garden Visits** in Chestnut Hill on May 1.

To stay connected, I encourage you to visit the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*, where you can sign up to receive the latest news via blogs and electronic newsletters. From the PHS homepage you can now access a quick link to set up a personal user account, which will make renewing your membership and registering for events a snap.

I look forward to seeing you soon as we work together to inspire, transform, build, and sustain.

Drew Becher

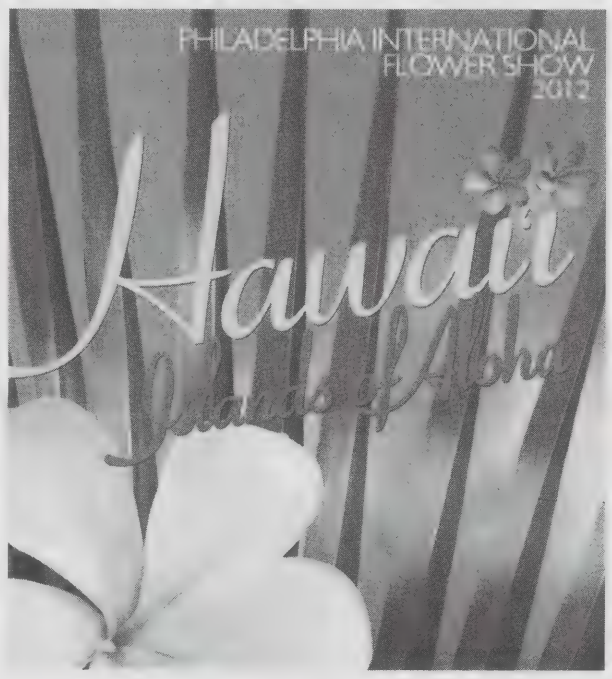
Adieu, Paris – Aloha, Hawaii

Philadelphia paid homage to Paris at this year's Philadelphia International Flower Show with a breathtaking array of gardens and entertainment. Hundreds of thousands of winter-weary visitors took in ten acres of spring blooms, courtesy of some of the nation's most talented horticulturists and floral and landscape designers.

The Flower Show kicked off the festivities at the Preview Party, when 3,000 guests were greeted by a glittering Eiffel Tower soaring overhead. PHS presented its inaugural President's Award to PNC, citing the bank's commitment to environmental leadership. The Flower Show Preview Party is an elegant evening and an important fundraiser for PHS programs that improve the quality of life throughout the region.

Everywhere throughout the exhibit halls, the essence of the City of Light was explored through the sounds of Parisian cabaret performances, the scent of lavender, and artful displays overflowing with perfectly grown plants, trees, and flowers. More than 4,000 volunteers from nearly every state in the country worked on the Flower Show this year, and exhibitors from around the world participated.

Mark your calendars for next year's Flower Show, when visitors will experience the lush landscapes of Hawaii. "Hawaii: Islands of Aloha" will run March 4 through 11, 2012, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.



In the Spotlight

Jamie McKnight

Jamie McKnight, the latest recipient of the Philadelphia Green Leadership Award, has a background in the banking industry. But through her current position as director of the Teens 4 Good youth gardening program, she has realized her dream of combining her concern for the environment with her love of working with kids.

A program of the Federation of Neighborhood Centers, Teens 4 Good began as a community garden in North Philadelphia and has evolved into a wide-ranging youth entrepreneurship and gardening venture that transforms vacant urban lots into gardens, farms, and multi-purpose green spaces. Teens 4 Good also teaches participants about health, nutrition, and social issues and gives young people opportunities to develop leadership skills.

Drawing on Jamie's business experience, the teens grow vegetables and herbs at seven garden sites and sell food to restaurants and farmers markets. Teens 4 Good also donates food to area food cupboards through the PHS City Harvest project.

"It's exciting to see how the kids learn and grow each year along with the gardens," says Jamie. "They are learning the value of green space in the city and learning how to be an important part of their community."

This year the program hired two urban farmers to teach the students about crop planning and how to estimate annual revenue. It also acquired more growing space—a half-acre site at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education. Jamie hopes to grow Teens 4 Good into a year-round program that engages youth in green living, and eventually, to expand the program beyond the city and region.

The PHS Philadelphia Green Leadership Award recognizes exemplary community leadership and is presented by PNC each year at a special brunch at the Philadelphia International Flower Show.

"I would like to thank PNC and PHS for their recognition," says Jamie. "I will continue to work as a mentor to our youth and as a partner to all those who grow together to keep Philadelphia green."

For more information about Teens 4 Good, please visit *federationnc.org/teens-4-good.page*.

PHS Partners with Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

PHS is pleased to announce a partnership with the **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.** We are joining forces, going pink and green to celebrate those who have been touched by breast cancer and to beautify the communities in which we work and live.

At the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on **Mother's Day, May 8**, visit the PHS station and sign up to support Plant One Million, PHS's multi-state tree planting campaign to plant one million trees in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

The Race for the Cure meets at Eakins Oval, in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, on May 8 at 7:00 am.

For more information about the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, please visit *race.komenphiladelphia.org/*.

Get Involved in Plant One Million

Volunteers are needed for **Plant One Million** tree plantings throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region. Upcoming planting locations and dates include:

27 municipalities in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties in Pennsylvania
Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10

Philadelphia
Saturday & Sunday, April 16 & 17
Volunteers needed to plant 1,000 bare-root trees in various locations

Camden, New Jersey
Saturdays throughout April (visit *NJTF.org* for details)

More dates and locations are being added. To find a tree-planting event near you, visit *plantonemillion.org* or call 215-988-8800. The website features clickable maps where you can find exact locations, dates, times, and contact information for your town or neighborhood. Information will be updated on this map as it becomes available.

BECOME A PHS TREE TENDER!

Spring Training Sessions

Through its Tree Tenders program, PHS offers nine hours of hands-on training for residents of the five-county Philadelphia region. The training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care, and working within your community. No experience necessary. This training qualifies for Act 48 Professional Development credits for teachers, and ISA credits for certified arborists.
Fee: $25. To register, please visit *pennhort.net/treetenders*.

Delaware County
Three Wednesdays: April 6, 13 & 20, 2011
Rutledge Borough Hall & Community Center
212 Unity Terrace
Rutledge, PA
Information: Barley Van Clief at *bvanclief@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8793

Philadelphia
Three Thursdays: May 5, 12 & 19, 2011
PHS
100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA
Information: Mindy Maslin at *mmaslin@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844

Follow Tree Tenders on Twitter

Attention Tree Tenders students and alumni, stay connected by following the new PHS Tree Twitters! Sign up for the Twitter feed for application deadlines, activity updates, and region-specific tree-care tips. Subscribe at ***twitter.com/TreeTenders***.

LOVE Your Park Day 2011

Saturday, April 16, 9 am – 12 noon

On Saturday, April 16, join more than 2,000 volunteers for LOVE Your Park Day in neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia. Projects will take place at 100 parks in all sections of the city. From Pennypack Park in the Northeast to Morris Park in West Philadelphia, volunteers will remove invasive weeds and vines, paint benches, prep garden beds, pick up trash and get Philadelphia parks ready for spring.

PHS is partnering with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and Greater Philadelphia Cares on this citywide event. To volunteer, please sign up at *gpcares.com*. For more information, please contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1611.

PHS City Harvest Project Helps Feed Families in Need

Hunger has been identified as one of the nation's most pressing issues, and the PHS City Harvest project, now in its sixth year, taps a network of urban community gardeners and food growers to make fresh, locally grown produce more widely available in Philadelphia's under-served neighborhoods.

Launched with a founding grant from The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation, City Harvest is a partnership among PHS; the Philadelphia Prison System; Weavers Way Co-op and Farm; community gardeners; SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange), a food distribution network; and the Health Promotion Council.

With training from PHS staff, inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System grow seedlings that are transplanted into more than 40 community gardens throughout the city, and thousands more seedlings are grown at Weavers Way Farm. Prison inmates and volunteer gardeners then grow the plants to maturity and, with help from SHARE, the resulting produce is distributed to food cupboards, where clients receive the food and take part in nutrition and cooking demonstrations and tastings offered by the Health Promotion Council.

"We'll be able to increase our seedling production this year," says PHS's Claire Baker, "thanks to Friends Hospital, who will let us use space in one of their greenhouses. Our partner SHARE is also building a greenhouse at its facility to grow seedlings. Another new aspect of the program will be a website that connects would-be gardeners with community gardens that have plots available."

Be a Gardening Hero

PHS City Harvest will host volunteer workdays this spring, where volunteers can help out at community gardens growing and donating food for City Harvest. If you would like to help, please visit *PHSonline.org*, click on "About Us," and fill out the volunteer form. You may also call 215-988-8800.

If you can't help in the gardens, you can make a donation to City Harvest at *PHSonline.org* or contact the PHS Development department at 215-988-8800.

Key accomplishment of City Harvest since its launch in 2006 include:

- 77,000 pounds of produce distributed to families in need
- Dozens of nutrition workshops for food cupboard clients
- Creation of a "green jobs" training program for ex-offenders who have participated in the prison component of City Harvest
- Development of a network of entrepreneurial food growers who receive support and training from PHS staff and sell produce within their communities

Give the Gift of a Tree!

A tree gift is a wonderful way to honor family and friends throughout the year or to celebrate **Earth Day** (April 22), **Arbor Day** (April 29), **Mother's Day** (May 9), or **Father's Day** (June 19), as well as anniversaries, weddings, or graduations. Your donation of any amount will support tree plantings throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region as part of PHS's Plant One Million tree-planting campaign.

A personal acknowledgment is sent to the person being honored, and tree gifts are 100-percent tax-deductible. For gifts of $100 or more, PHS will send a beautiful certificate to each recipient, letting them know of this special gift made in their honor.

To make a tree gift please visit *http://pennhort.net/trees* or contact the Development department at 215-988-8762 or *giving@pennhort.org*.

Please note: Attaching name plaques to trees is not a recommended practice. Not having name plaques allows 100% of your gift to be directed to the planting and care of trees.

Tree Theme for 2011 Kids Grow Expo

Family Friendly

Friday, April 29, 9:30 am – 2 pm
Temple University Ambler Campus

The PHS Kids Grow Expo is a free horticultural event by and for school-age children. This year's Expo takes place on Arbor Day, and the theme is "**Magical, Mystical Trees**." Held in partnership with Temple University's EarthFest on Temple's Ambler Campus, Kids Grow Expo engages youngsters from all over the Philadelphia region with educational exhibits, service-learning projects, and competitive classes in the "Junior Flower Show." For more information about Kids Grow Expo, please visit *PHSonline.org* or contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *fnarducci@pennhort.org*.

Support PHS: Help Us Meet the Independence Foundation Challenge!

The Independence Foundation has awarded PHS a challenge grant that **will match all new and increased gifts made to PHS by June 30, 2011**—making your support of PHS go even further. Please consider helping PHS plant seeds of change and inspiration by making a 100-percent tax-deductible gift. By supporting PHS you demonstrate your belief in the power of building communities and transforming lives through horticulture. Your donations make PHS programs possible, including:

Tree Planting. Your contribution helps PHS plant a tree and to reach our goal of one million new trees in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

City Harvest. Your gift helps PHS grow and donate fresh produce to families in need.

We are pleased to offer the following giving options:

Mail the form on this page to:
PHS
Attn: Development Department
100 North 20th Street – 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Online: Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS" at the top of the screen.

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Yes! I/we wish to support PHS and help meet the Independence Foundation Challenge.

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Please accept a gift of: ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other _____
I/we understand that this contribution is not for renewal of PHS membership.

Payment Method
☐ Check enclosed (payable to PHS) OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express
Card# _____ Expiration _____ Card Security Code _____
Signature _____

Mail To: PHS, Attn: Development Department, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Support PHS."

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

2011 Party in the Garden

Join us for the **2011 Party in the Garden**, formerly known as the Azalea Garden Party, on **Wednesday, May 4, beginning at 5:30 pm**. This annual celebration is taking on a new twist, with award-winning design by David Fierabend, owner of Groundswell Design Group. Hosted by David, along with our 2011 committee chairs Karen and Ed D'Alba, the party raises funds to enhance signature civic spaces throughout Philadelphia. Experience one of PHS's treasured public landscapes while enjoying food and drink and activities for the kids.

For more information or to get your tickets, please visit *PHSonline.org* or contact Bridget Bonasch at 215-988-8805 or *bbonasch@pennhort.org*.

Use your PHS Member Card for Discounts

Your PHS membership card is your passport to savings throughout the year at retail stores and nurseries throughout our region, including Meadowbrook Farm, operated by PHS.

Many merchants offer a 10 percent discount on selected merchandise for PHS members. Discounts do not apply to already-discounted merchandise, and additional restrictions may apply. Please present your card to merchants before the sale is rung up on the cash register.

Visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "membership" to see the full list of participating retailers and discount information.

PHS and charitybuzz.com

During the Flower Show, PHS teamed up with **charitybuzz.com**, which hosted online auction for fabulous prizes and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. All proceeds from the auction benefit PHS.

Visit *charitybuzz.com* to find out who the lucky winners are!

PHS Partners with QVC

PHS is pleased to announce a partnership with multimedia retailer QVC. You may have seen the live QVC broadcast from this year's Philadelphia International Flower Show. Headquartered in West Chester, PA, QVC reaches more than 98 million US homes and is the third largest seller of home and garden items. The company is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Stay tuned for other joint PHS/QVC promotions and events.

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA

Register for Meadowbrook programs online at *pennhort.net/meadowbrook.*

Workshop: Divide and Conquer

Saturday, April 2, 10 am – 12 noon

Some of the best varieties you can plant this spring are right in front of you, just waiting to be increased in number. By propagating your own plants, you can get more plants for your own garden, have some to give away to friends, or share your favorites with PHS members at the PHS Plant Dividend at our Fall Garden Festival. Meadowbrook Farm general manager **John Story** will show different types of root systems and explain which have to be divided, what plants you can layer, and how to propagate both common and unusual perennial plants. This course will turn the apprehension of propagation into a delight of discovery and success. Participants will receive hands-on instruction and propagate plants to take home. **Limit 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Demonstration: Veggies 101— Your Home Vegetable Garden

Thursday, April 7, 10 am – 12 noon

Grow local, eat local! It's time to plant your own vegetable garden. This workshop will address how to plan a garden in a sunny spot and get started. Meadowbrook Farm horticulturist **Sharon Kaszan** will discuss varieties of plants, best sowing times, fertilization, and insect and disease control using both traditional and organic practices. There will be plenty of useful information for experienced vegetable gardeners as well. Enjoy veggies picked fresh from your own garden this summer! **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walking Demonstration: Gardening With Nature— Tough Spots and Composting

Wednesday, April 13, 10 am – 12 noon

Do you struggle getting plants to grow in dry shade, heavy soil, scorching sun, wet areas, or "dead zones?" Every garden has its problem spots, and Meadowbrook Farm head gardener **Glenn Ashton** will share his secrets for meeting these and other challenges. He'll help you choose the right plants for the right places, so you can work with your environment rather than against it. He'll also offer composting tips for turning your organic waste into rich "black gold" for your garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: No Dig, No Till, No Kidding

Thursday, April 21, 10 am – 12 noon

There is a suburban greening revival going on in Abington Township, PA, and it can be seen at schools, at township pools, around signs, and in small parks. It started with a hope of beautifying municipal parks and has grown to encompass much more. And the best part: it involves no digging or tilling, just a unique method of using everyday household paper products and free compost to quickly make garden beds. Meadowbrook Farm volunteer coordinator **Diana K. Weiner** will introduce you to Everyone Can Garden™ and help you choose the right plants for your site. Homeowners and project leaders alike will love this easy way to create a garden in a day! **Limit: 30. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia

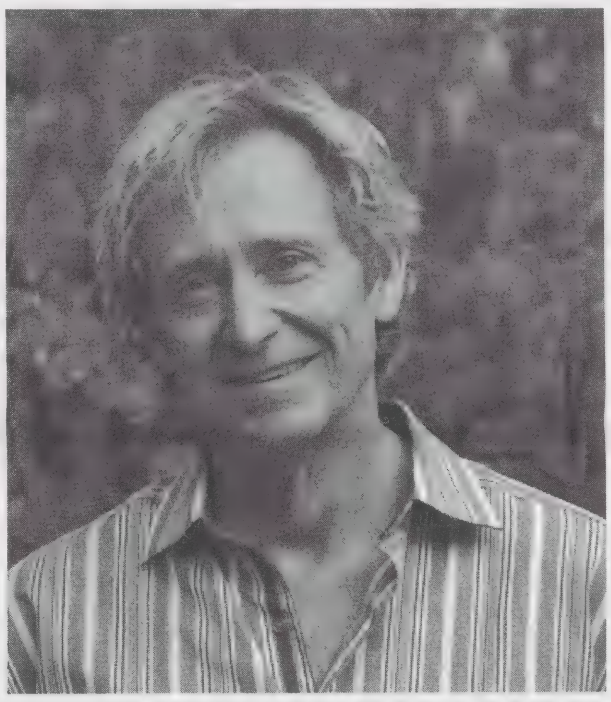
Register for PHS programs online at *pennhort.net/programsatphs*

Workshop: Creating Miniature Garden Portraits in Colored Pencil

Two Thursdays: April 14 and 21,
10 am – 3 pm

Create a charming, intimate "portrait" of a garden you love. In this workshop, taught by **Eileen Rosen**, you will begin by learning and practicing colored-pencil techniques, then learn to reduce and eliminate extraneous details of the larger landscape. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. **Limit: 15. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**



Garden designer Gary Smith will lecture on April 21.

Evening Lecture: Lessons from Artists— Unleashing Creativity in Your Garden

Thursday, April 21, 6 pm, PHS Auditorium

Garden designers face daunting questions: How do I begin the creative process? Where can I find inspiration? How will I know if my design is successful? Join **Gary Smith** to explore how to approach these questions like an artist. With an artist's tools and ways of looking at the world, you will be able to design gardens that combine the unique character of a place with your innermost creative spirit.

W. Gary Smith is an artist and landscape architect who specializes in botanical gardens and arboretums, as well as public art installations and private gardens, weaving together ecological and cultural themes. His local work includes the Stopford Family Meadow Maze and the Wister Rhododendron Garden, both at Tyler Arboretum; Peirce's Woods at Longwood Gardens; and Enchanted Woods at Winterthur. He is the author of *From Art to Landscape: Unleashing Creativity in Garden Design* (2010, Timber Press). He lives in Toronto, Ontario.

The PHS McLean Library will be open until 5:30 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and wine and cheese reception. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Greater Philadelphia Roundtable: The Green Country Town

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 pm

The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia project invites your ideas! This panel discussion, with ample time for audience participation, will focus on the legacy of William Penn's plan for a "green country town." How have Philadelphians carried out this vision and what does this inheritance mean for civic life today? From the grid plan to parks and city planning, this program will connect the city's history with contemporary issues of public space. PHS President **Drew Becher** will moderate and will be joined by panelists **Inga Saffron** of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, **Eugenie Birch** of the University of Pennsylvania, and **Pete Hoskins** of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Everyone who attends will have the opportunity to contribute suggestions for the Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia, a digital information project currently in its planning stages. Attendees also will receive a discount coupon for a tour at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

For more information and to register, go to *philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/events*. To prime the discussion, look for Inga Saffron's essay on the "green country town" in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on Sunday, May 8. **FREE.**

Evening Lecture: A Garden Writer's Journey

Wednesday, May 11, 6 pm

Paula Deitz has delighted readers for more than thirty years, mostly in the *New York Times*, with her vivid descriptions of both famous and hidden landscapes. In this presentation she will share the experience of her extensive travels. As in her new book, *Of Gardens: Selected Essays,* she will describe her adventure of continual discovery, not only of the artful beauty of individual gardens but also of the intellectual and historical threads that weave them into patterns of civilization, from the modest garden for family subsistence to major urban developments. She will relate how people, over many centuries and in many lands, have expressed their originality by devoting themselves to cultivation and conservation.

Paula Deitz is editor of *The Hudson Review*, a magazine of literature and the arts published in New York City. As a cultural critic, she writes about art, architecture, and landscape design for newspapers and magazines here and abroad.

The PHS McLean Library will be open until 5:30 pm. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and wine and cheese reception. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

COACH TRIP: Washington DC

Wednesday, May 25, 7am – 8:30 pm

This coach tour will include two horticultural treasures in the area of our nation's capital, each with its own historical significance.

We begin at **Dumbarton Oaks Gardens**, designed by noted landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand in the 1920s with her clients Mildred and Robert Woods Bliss. Working in happy and close collaboration for almost thirty years, Mildred Bliss and Beatrix Farrand planned every garden detail, each terrace, bench, urn, and border of the extensive gardens. Since that time, other architects working with Mildred Bliss, most notably Ruth Havey and Alden Hopkins, changed certain elements of the original design. In 1940, the upper sixteen acres were given to Harvard University to establish a research institute, while the lower, more naturalistic twenty-seven acres are now a public park. The formal gardens cover ten hilly acres and include outdoor rooms, the Pebble Garden, an open air theater, fabulous herbaceous borders, and much more.

After Dumbarton Oaks we will visit **Mount Vernon,**

the estate of George and Martha Washington, where we will have lunch followed by a tour of the gardens. The Upper Garden includes a wide variety of flowers and trees, boxwood planted in Washington's day, and a few vegetable beds. The beds have been restored to their original size, based on careful archaeological excavations. The Lower Garden supplied fresh produce for the busy Mount Vernon kitchen. Vegetables and herbs are grown in the beds today, as well as cherry, apple, and other fruit trees espaliered along the walls and cordoned onto fences. The Fruit Garden and Nursery was used by Washington to experiment with new seeds and plants before using them elsewhere on the estate. He attempted to grow grapes in its well-cultivated beds and produced nursery plants for use across Mount Vernon.

Fee: $100 members, $120 non-members. Fee includes coach, lunch and snacks, and guided tours. Choose from two pick-up locations: the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or PHS.

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS

2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
April – October, third Tuesday of each month, 5 pm
Tuesday, April 19 & Tuesday, May 17, 5 pm

Register for PECO tours online at *pennhort.net/pecotour*

Want to learn about exciting "green roof" technology? PHS leads popular tours of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters. Covering more than 45,000 square feet, the PECO green roof includes an observation deck and offers stunning views of downtown Philadelphia. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, and pre-registration at least two business days before the tour is required. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Fee: $5 members, $10 non-members**.

PHS GARDEN VISITS

May 1; September 25, noon – 5pm

PHS members will tour private gardens in the **Chestnut Hill** section of Philadelphia on Sunday, May 1 and **Barto to Pennsburg, PA**, on Sunday, September 25 from noon to 5 pm. New this year: for the fall garden visit a shuttle bus will be available. Please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *cdutill@pennhort.org* for more information. **Fee: $15 members, $30 non-members**.

FREE CLASS: Natural History of Philadelphia

PHS, 100 N. 20th St., Philadelphia

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science co-sponsor this multi-session course, *The Natural History of Philadelphia*. The course is free, but pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration packet. **To register, please call 215-763-6529, ext. 23.**

Five Mondays:
April 4, 11, & 25; May 2 & 9, 6:30 pm

Taught by **David Hewitt**, this course will provide a broad overview of the current and historic ecology of Philadelphia. We will begin with the early natural history of the area and go through to the biota of our modern times, discussing along the way the effects we have had on the region and how, in turn, the ecosystem has affected us. This will primarily be oriented toward plants, and some zoological aspects will also be included. The class will include a field trip to Rittenhouse Square on May 7.

David Hewitt is a research associate in the department of botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. He received a PhD from the department of organismic and evolutionary biology at Harvard University. David has also worked in agricultural and environmental policy, as a farmer, and as a teacher.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

Wayne, PA

Register for Chanticleer programs online at *pennhort.net/chanticleer.*

Walk: Spring Bulbs
Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk will explore the cheerful, most rewarding flowers of spring: Dutch bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Robert Herald** will focus on spring-blooming bulbs that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Walk: Cool Containers—Exciting Plant Combinations for Early Spring
Thursday, April 14, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Most gardeners get itchy for bit of green and color in early spring. But does the threat of severe temperature changes frighten you away from planting early containers? With a little creativity, you can grow far more in your early-spring pots than just pansies. Cold-tolerant annuals, bulbs, cut branches, perennials, and woody plants make dynamic combinations that stand up to changeable weather. Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** will offer ideas and inspiration during this demonstration, discussion, and tour of the early-season containers at Chanticleer. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs
Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will discuss all aspects of pruning garden shrubs and demonstrate basic techniques. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Spring Seasonal Walk
Wednesday, May 4, 6 – 8 pm

This seasonal tour of Chanticleer's exquisite pleasure gardens will highlight plantings of interest in early May. Join horticulturist **Joe Henderson** on a walk around Chanticleer at this enchanting time of year to observe all the harbingers of the season. Creeping phlox, foamflower, and trilliums, to name a few, will blanket the woodland hillsides. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Chanticleer in Wayne, PA

Registration Information

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You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

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Walk: Embracing the Challenge of Shade
Thursday, May 12, 6 – 8 pm

Do you have deep shade and dry soil where nothing wants to grow? Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** to learn how to grow great plants in these difficult conditions. While visiting tough, shady sites at Chanticleer, Lisa will discuss soil preparation, light levels, design, planting, and maintenance. She will also address combining different textures and shades of green to create cool, calm, attractive gardens that will look fresh all season. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Walk: Moss Gardening
Thursday, May 19, 6 – 8 pm

Here's a practical approach to growing one of the most beautiful groups of plants. **Joe Henderson** will talk about starting and maintaining a patch of moss, a moss lawn, or a whole moss garden. We will look at examples of moss uses, tools, and techniques for its maintenance. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Walk: Flower Arranging From the Garden
Wednesday, June 1, 6 – 8 pm

Why spend money buying flowers when you can create something of beauty from what's growing in your garden, regardless of the time of year? Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Jonathan Wright** on an inspiring walk through Chanticleer in search of great flowers to cut for spring. Afterwards, Jonathan will demonstrate and discuss techniques for creating various arrangements while putting together numerous creations before your eyes. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Walk: Small Space Big Impact: From How? To Wow!
Wednesday, June 8, 6 – 8 pm

Do you have a small back yard or garden and struggle to come up with the right design? Should the design be open and sparse or full and dense? How do you achieve a lush effect with limited planting space? Join **Jonathan Wright** for a walk through small and intimate spaces at Chanticleer to learn about great plants and design ideas to make the most impact. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Walk: Spice up Your Garden
Wednesday, June 15, 6 – 8 pm

Yvonne England will offer tips on planting, growing, harvesting, and using home-grown herbs. She will present a plan for planting herbs that offer you the biggest rewards in the shortest amount of time. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

Walk: Sun Worshippers
Thursday, June 16, 6 – 8 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will highlight sun-loving perennials you won't be able to resist—at their peak of perfection. On this informative walk through Chanticleer's fabulous gardens, Lisa will discuss appropriate cultural requirements, maintenance, and exciting color and texture combinations. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**.

REGIONAL PROGRAM
Wesley United Methodist Church
Bethlehem, PA

Evening Lecture: The Best Perennials of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow by David Culp
Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm

When selecting plants for today's perennial gardens, gardeners are faced with almost overwhelming choices. **David Culp** will help you cut through the hype and reduce the confusion, offering a clear look at what's new, what's unusual, and what remains steadfast in the world of perennial plants. You'll walk away with a jam-packed list of solid foundation plants and great insights for spotting the perennial stars of tomorrow.

David Culp is sales representative for Sunny Border Nurseries, where he also is responsible for plant research and development. His own garden is a frequent stop on local tours and has been featured on Home & Garden Television Network (HGTV); Martha Stewart; and in numerous publications. A noted hellebore hybridizer, David is an instructor at Longwood Gardens; contributing editor to *Horticulture* magazine; and a freelance author, designer, and lecturer.

This lecture is co-sponsored by PHS and the Hardy Plant Society. Directions will be mailed with confirmation letters. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments. **Fee: $10 members of PHS and HPS, $20 non-members**.

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE
The Union League of Philadelphia
140 South Broad Street

Evening Lecture: Flowering of Tuscany—British Gardens in Italy, 1900-1930
Monday, April 4, 6:30 pm

Villa I Tatti

At the beginning of the twentieth century, one in six people living in Florence was either British or American. These expatriates, more than 40,000 of them, had come to Italy to re-invent themselves. An important part of that process was restoring an Italian property and garden—preferably one with Medici connections—to create a glorious setting for entertaining. In the hills outside Florence, the brilliant and enigmatic English garden designer Cecil Pinsent created villas and gardens for influential expatriates, including the Berensons at I Tatti, Lady Sybil Cutting at Villa Medici, and Lady Scott of Ancrum at Villa Capponi. Noted garden historian and author **Anna Pavord** will examine these magnificent gardens and explain how the British transformed Tuscan landscapes and garden design.

Anna Pavord is the author of eight books, including the bestselling *The Tulip* (1999) and her latest book, *The Curious Gardener*. She lives in Dorset, England.

This lecture will be preceded by a cash-bar reception at 6 pm and followed by an optional dinner. **Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by April 1**. Formal business attire required. Co-sponsored by the Royal Oak Foundation and the Union League of Philadelphia.

Fees: lecture only, $25 for members of PHS, Royal Oak Foundation, and Union League; $30 non-members. Lecture and dinner, $70 members and guests. Registration is required through the Royal Oak Foundation. Please visit *royal-oak.org/lectures* or call Robert Dennis at 212-480-2889, ext. 201.

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The Dirt on Composting
Saturday, April 2, 11 am – 12 noon
Coleman Northwest Regional Free Library of Philadelphia
68 W. Chelten Avenue

Gardening with Herbs
Monday, April 11, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Chandler Hall
99 Barclay Street
Newtown, PA

Starting the Garden—Naturally
Wednesday, April 13, 1 – 2 pm
Triple Oaks Nursery and Herb Farm
2359 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ
RSVP by April 6 to reserve free plants and seeds; contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Designing and Maintaining Spring Planters
Tuesday, April 26, 6 – 7 pm
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Container Gardens for Small Spaces
Saturday, April 30, 11 am – 12 noon
Beaumont at Bryn Mawr Retirement Community
601 Ithan Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA
Free, but space is limited; please contact Audrey Walsh at 610-526-7004 or *awalsh@beaumontretirement.com* to reserve your place(s) today.

Hardy Summer Bulbs
Wednesday, May 11, 1 – 2 pm
Blue Bell Library
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Color in the Garden
Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue

Vegetable Gardening—A Family Affair
Monday, May 23, 6 – 7 pm
Family Friendly
PHS
100 N. 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA

Gardening with Herbs
Monday, June 20, 6 – 7 pm
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Fabulous Photos from the Flower Show

Did you attend the Philadelphia International Flower Show, or wish you did? Check out the **Flower Show Facebook page** (you'll find it at *facebook.com/theflowershow*) to see photo albums from the fabulous *Springtime in Paris* exhibits, special events, and hot horticulture that wowed the crowds in March. You might even see yourself! Share it with your friends and family and be sure to "like" us to stay connected year-round.

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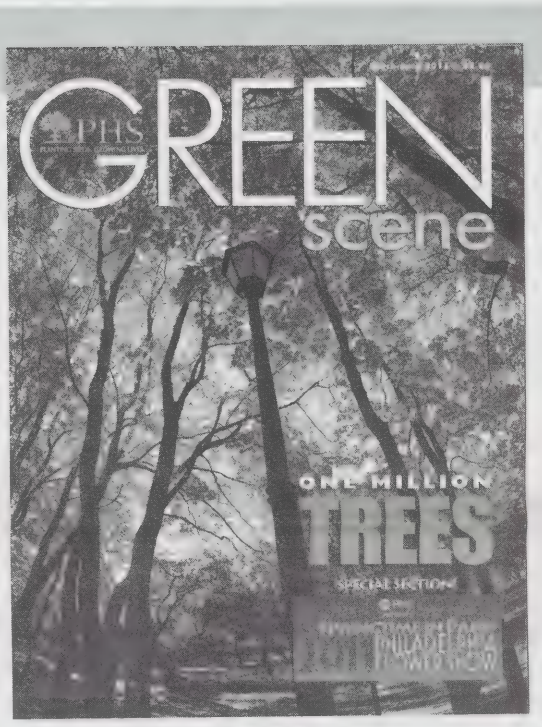

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Travel with Us

Virginia Garden Tour with PHS
October 3 – 6, 2011

Join fellow PHS members for four days visiting private and public gardens in and around Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, and Richmond, Virginia. Highlights of the trip will include visits to **Maymont**, the 100-acre Victorian estate with Japanese, Italian, English, and herb gardens; the historic gardens of **Monticello**; **Chatham Manor** in Fredericksburg, designed by Philadelphia-born landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman; and visits to current projects by noted local landscape architects. Hotel accommodations for three nights will be at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville. Chela Kleiber of PHS and Tari Carlson of Royal Road Tours will accompany the group. For more information or a trip brochure, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.

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PHS "Pops Up" at Philadelphia Sites

This spring, downtown landscapes are becoming showcases for PHS. An empty Center City lot is being transformed into a temporary garden abundant with vegetables and flowers, while whimsical carousel animals from a 2011 Flower Show exhibit are making an encore appearance at Logan Square.

A "**PHS Pops-Up" garden** at **20th and Market streets**, just two blocks from PHS headquarters, will be unveiled in early June. Constructed on a vacant lot, it will feature dozens of planting beds with organically grown vegetables, PHS Gold Medal plants, a meadow, and flower beds.

The garden will give PHS a highly visible location for public tours, lunch-time workshops and talks, performances, and demonstrations.

Garden activities and events will call attention to PHS programs that benefit communities throughout the region, including City Harvest, which helps grow and distribute fresh vegetables to food cupboards through a network of community gardens.

PHS is also partnering with chefs from top-notch Center City restaurants, who will use produce from the garden in signature dishes and donate a portion of the proceeds to City Harvest.

Funded by the William Penn Foundation and sponsored by Brandywine Realty Trust and Independence Blue Cross, the garden will feature an exhibit from the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show: Temple University's popular *écolibrium*. PHS landscape architects collaborated with Temple professor Baldev Lamba on the design of the PHS Pops-Up garden.

The garden will be dismantled in October.

The Flower Show Year-Round

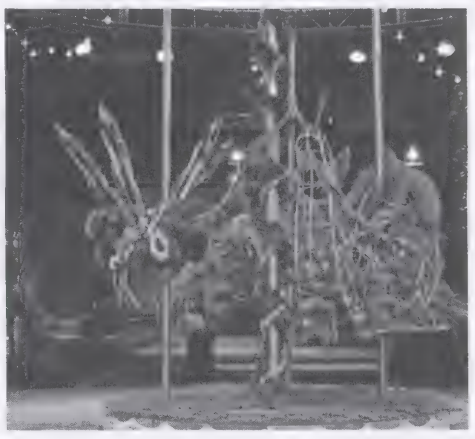
If you attended the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, you may recognize something familiar peeking out amid the lush plantings surrounding the Swann Memorial Fountain at **Logan Square**.

Ten carousel animals from the central feature exhibit of *Springtime in Paris* are on display at this Philadelphia landmark, located between 18th and 20th streets along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. PHS and partners led the renovation of the Logan Square central landscape in 2006.

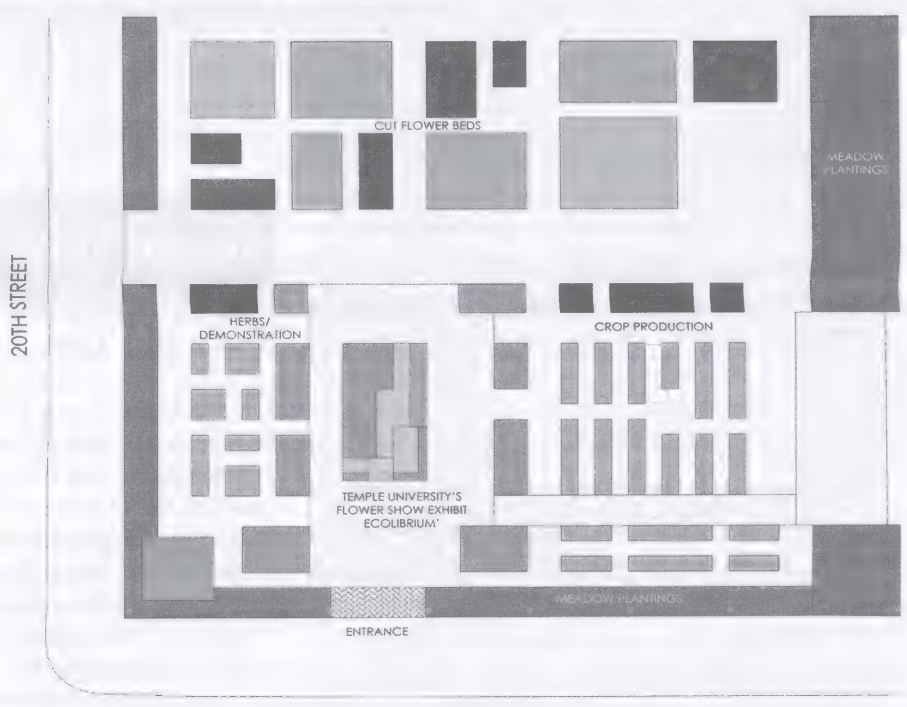
The informal, outward-facing placement of the figures playfully hints at their "escape" from the confines of a carousel. "They escaped from the carrousel but can't keep from going around in circles at Logan Square," muses PHS director Nancy O'Donnell.

Expect to see more Flower Show artifacts in unexpected places as part of a PHS effort to keep the Flower Show in the public eye throughout the year.

To generate interest in the 2012 Flower Show theme, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*, outdoor planters at **PHS headquarters at 20th and Arch streets** have been filled with tropical plants, tree ferns, and palms.



Work has begun to transform an empty lot at 20th and Market streets (above) into the "PHS Pops Up" garden, as seen in the plan below. Carousel animals from the 2011 Flower Show (left) have been installed at Logan Square.



For information on events at the PHS Pops-Up garden at 20th and Market streets, please visit *PHSonline.org*.

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SAVE THE DATE:

PHS Fall Garden Festival

Saturday, September 24, 10am – 4pm
Philadelphia Navy Yard
Admission and Parking are Free

Mark your calendars for the PHS Fall Garden Festival on September 24. Food, music, kid-friendly activities, and a plant marketplace are just a few of the attractions. Take advantage of the Annual Plant Dividend, an exclusive benefit for current PHS Members (all membership categories except Subscriber).

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

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Celebrating Civic Spaces

It has been a year since I became president of PHS, and I am still excited every morning to get to our headquarters at 20th and Arch streets and start working with staff, members, and volunteers. I am grateful for all your support and look forward to the next year as we plan new programs and events.

Now that the sun comes up earlier, I can spend time in my garden before I head to PHS. I am delighted with the way a grouping of beefy blue hostas is coming up, and I am happy to tell visitors I got them last September at PHS's Plant Dividend, one of our many wonderful membership benefits! (Mark your calendars for the Fall Garden Festival on September 24).

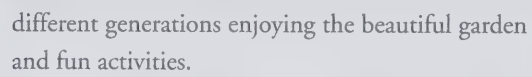
As much as I enjoy my own garden, I love seeing all the dynamic civic spaces on my drive to PHS. I am so proud of our role in keeping these landscapes looking their best year-round. We recognize that these parks, streetscapes, and gateways are crucial to achieving the city's goal of attracting tourists and businesses, and we thank you for your membership support, Flower Show ticket purchases, and direct donations—funds that help us to keep these landscapes beautiful.

We celebrated one of these beloved spaces on May 4, when we held a party in the Azalea Garden, located along Kelly Drive near the Philadelphia *Museum of Art*. Thanks to all who braved a gloomy weather forecast to attend. It was wonderful to see different generations enjoying the beautiful garden and fun activities.

Although in past years we have called this event the Azalea Garden Party, we decided to change the name to the **Party in the Garden** to give us the flexibility of holding it at different times of the year and in other urban landscapes. We want everyone to appreciate that investment in these spaces—gateways and streetscapes like Logan Square, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and the Avenue of the Arts—helps position Philadelphia as a "must-see" tourist destination.

Speaking of "must-see," I hope you will have a chance to visit the PHS Pops Up garden at 20th and Market streets near our headquarters (see page one for details) and to catch a little bit of the Flower Show at Logan Square, where we have placed ten of the fantastic carousel animals we used in this year's Central Feature. Bringing Show elements out of the warehouse and to events and public spaces in the Greater Philadelphia Region is one way we plan to highlight Flower Show 365, our effort to celebrate this world-renowned event year-round.

Please check the PHS website for news and events, or consider signing up for one of our electronic newsletters. I hope the rest of your spring brings you lots of gardening fun, and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming PHS event.



Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

It's Cool to be Hot

by Kirsten Kubiak

While you can shade yourself from the scorching summer sun, many of your plants don't have that same luxury. Luckily, Meadowbrook Farm has an assortment of rare and exotic cacti and succulents that will not only embrace the heat, but look cool doing it. Available in a variety of shapes and textures, cacti are naturally adaptive and easy to care for. Let the Meadowbrook succulent specialists help you start your collection of this unique and beautiful family of plants.

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Spotlight on Garden Clubs

Spade and Trowel Garden Club

The Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Kennett Square, PA, was created in 1939 to promote gardening and serve the community. The club maintains a welcoming roadside garden at the entrance to Kennett Square. Other projects include the design and maintenance of the colonial herb garden at the historic Barns-Brinton House in Chadds Ford, creating holiday arrangements for patients and families of Heartland Hospice, weekly donations of flowers to Pocopson Home healthcare facility, and participating with the Kennett Square Conservation and Beautification Committee by planting street barrels each year.

Come winter, however, members of Spade and Trowel Garden Club turn their thoughts to the Philadelphia International Flower Show, where they have actively participated since the 1990s. They began with the Tables class, but have had greater success with larger entries. "The larger classes enable participation by more club members," says member Margaret Hennes. The club's 2010 entry in the Front Porches category brought home the "Best of the Blues" trophy.

Several Spade and Trowel members also play organizational roles at the Flower Show. Alice Bucher, for example, serves as chair of Judges and Awards.

As a garden club, Spade and Trowel stages a large entry every other year, but no matter what, its members eagerly await the Flower Show and the inspiration it brings.

In the Spotlight

Frank Soucek

For PHS Council member Frank Soucek, becoming a PHS volunteer was a "natural evolution." Frank is the regional sales director for Delaware Valley Wholesale Florist. Located in Sewell, NJ, Delaware Valley is one of the largest floral distribution companies in the United States, serving the mid-Atlantic region from Boston to Washington DC.

For more than two decades, Frank's company has been supplying floral exhibitors at the Philadelphia International Flower Show with high-quality cut flowers. "Many of my regular customers are long-time exhibitors," says Frank. "Our job is to move flowers from all over the world and ensure that they make it to the Show."

Delaware Valley also loans palm trees and donates all the flowers for the Garden Tea at the Flower Show each year. PHS staff member Dora Rogers, who manages the tea room, says Frank is "enthusiastic, energetic, and a delight to work with."

Frank played a key role at the 2011 Flower Show, when a new exhibit called the Floral Showcase was rolled out featuring the latest in cut flowers and floral arrangements. Frank offered the use of his company's facility to receive, process, and deliver all the flowers coming in from Colombia and California.

"The Flower Show is the highlight of my year," says Frank. "I'm constantly at the Show anyway, so when PHS asked me to join a committee it was easy to get involved." He has been a member of the Flower Show Executive Committee for about three years and was elected to the PHS Council last November.

"It's a great group of people," says Frank, "and I'm happy to help out." He says he is especially excited about PHS's new Plant One Million tree-planting campaign. "PHS and the Flower Show are leading Philly to become a better city through horticulture."

PHS Receives Pew Grant for Roots to Re-Entry

The Pew Charitable Trusts has awarded PHS a three-year, $150,000 grant for the PHS Roots to Re-Entry Job Training and Placement Program. The program trains inmates from the Philadelphia Prison System in landscaping and places graduates in jobs with local contractors.

"We're grateful to The Pew Charitable Trusts for their support of this innovative program," says PHS President Drew Becher. "Green jobs initiatives like Roots to Re-Entry get at the heart of the PHS mission, which is to empower people and change lives through horticulture."

Now in its second year, Roots to Re-Entry has also garnered support from the Scattergood Foundation, the David S. Mather Fund of the Philadelphia Foundation, the Philadelphia Prison System Board of Trustees, and the Job Opportunity Investment Network (JOIN).

Roots to Re-Entry is a partnership among PHS, the Philadelphia Prison System; Bartram's Garden; Awbury Arboretum; the Mayor's Office of Re-Integration Services for Ex-Offenders (RISE); and local landscaping firms.

The program is designed to maximize the chances of job placement for inmates enrolled in the PHS City Harvest project. Through City Harvest, inmates start seedlings that are grown in community gardens, and the resulting produce is donated to food cupboards.

"In addition to landscaping training, Roots to Re-Entry provides supportive services to help inmates prepare for life outside the prison system," says Bob Grossmann of PHS. "It creates a pathway out of poverty into real jobs and future careers." Roots to Re-Entry participants—all non-violent offenders—are released after completing the training.

Rasheed McCrea graduated from Roots to Re-Entry in fall 2010 and was working for a landscaping firm two days later. "This program gives you a sense of integrity and dignity," he said in an interview last winter. "It's a great opportunity to learn a trade so I can support my family. I can really see myself growing in this field."

"This program gives you a sense of integrity and dignity."
– Rasheed McCrea, Roots to Re-Entry graduate

Roots to Re-Entry participants work at Bartram's Garden and Awbury Arboretum in Philadelphia.

PHS Green Machine makes Debut

If you happened to see a brightly colored Subaru Outback zipping around Philadelphia with the words "PHS Green Machine" splashed across it, you weren't dreaming. Launched in April, the PHS Green Machine project brings weekly, hands-on education and assistance directly to volunteers who plant and maintain gardens in neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia. Through the Green Machine, PHS offers mobile workshops, basic gardening education, and helps park "friends" groups create maintenance plans for existing beds and planters. PHS also provides plants, materials, and supplies for park projects.

Behind the wheel of the Subaru most days is PHS staff member Sean Roulan, who studied sustainable landscape design at the Conway School of Landscape Design in western Massachusetts. His goal is to help park volunteers create beautiful and sustainable garden beds, but also to strengthen the network of volunteer stewards for Philadelphia's parks.

"The idea is to get folks excited about how PHS can help them make their parks more beautiful, as well as help them become better gardeners," says Sean.

Subaru has sponsored the program by offering a one-year lease on the vehicle. The pilot program runs through fall 2011, with the expectation that park groups will recruit volunteers to continue garden maintenance.

Philly TreeMap Invites Public to Track Trees

A software company called Azavea has launched a new website called PhillyTreeMap (*PhillyTreeMap.org*), a wiki-style web application that enables the public to help map, inventory, and preserve the urban forest in the Greater Philadelphia Region. Azavea has collaborated with PHS, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to develop the site.

PhillyTreeMap provides an inventorying platform that encourages the public to contribute to an interactive map of the tree population. While records of 175,000 trees were initially loaded into the system, public help is needed to ensure that the information is as current as possible. With free registration, users can add trees to the system, edit or add to existing tree records, and upload tree images. PHS and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation will partner on management of the system.

The new interactive site is a timely addition to Plant One Million (*plantonemillion.org*), the multi-state tree-planting campaign in southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware being led by PHS and partners.

"PhillyTreeMap is an easy-to-use tool that offers new ways for the public to learn about and connect with their local trees," says Amanda Benner, director of Plant One Million. "It complements Plant One Million's efforts to plant, count, and tend trees in our region."

Delaware River Waterfront Corporation

This photograph shows a view of Race Street Pier Park, at right, from the Ben Franklin Bridge.

New Park Opens at Delaware Riverfront

PHS helped gather public input

On May 12, Philadelphia officials unveiled the Race Street Pier Park, a new floating park built on an unused pier at the end of Race Street near the Ben Franklin Bridge. This waterfront destination offers stunning views of the Philadelphia and Camden skylines and the river.

PHS helped make the project a reality by leading citizen forums to solicit input on the park's design and usage. The chosen design, by the New York-based firm Field Operations, incorporates upper-level promenade and a lower section with a lawn, amphitheater for events, and an observation deck.

PHS is also working with the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, which oversees riverfront development in Philadelphia, to help form a friends group of nearby residents who will use the park for community events and help care for it.

"This will likely be a popular destination park for the whole city," says Tammy Leigh Dement of PHS. "But we want to be sure there is a community aspect—a group of nearby residents who make the park their own."

The new park is part of a major city initiative to create riverside green spaces and provide easier access to the Delaware riverfront, where industrial development and I-95 create an obstacle between city neighborhoods and the river.

You can access the park from Columbus Boulevard at Race Street.

Support the Plant One Million Campaign

Your generous gift will help PHS plant trees in the region

PHS and partners have launched one of the most ambitious tree-planting campaigns in our region's history. The Plant One Million campaign will add one million trees throughout southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Plant One Million will create jobs, strengthen our communities, and improve our air and water quality for generations to come. Visit *plantonemillion.org* for more information and to learn how you can get involved.

Your generous donation to PHS will help ensure the success of Plant One Million. Please consider the most generous amount you can give by choosing one or more of the options below. For more information, please contact the PHS Development office at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org*.

Gifts to the Plant One Million campaign are a wonderful way to celebrate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and graduations, as well as a thoughtful expression of sympathy. For gifts of $100 or more, PHS will send a beautiful certificate to each recipient to announce your special gift.

PLANT ONE MILLION DONATION FORM

Yes, I will support PHS and the Plant One Million campaign
to beautify our communities and improve our environment by planting trees

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please accept my gift of:

- ☐ $35 to purchase a shovel for planting.
- ☐ $50 to buy mulch for newly planted trees.
- ☐ $100 to help pay for one tree.
- ☐ $150 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ Other _____

Payment Method:

☐ Check enclosed (payable to PHS) OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card# _____ Expiration _____ Card Security Code

Signature _____

Mail To: PHS, Attn: Development Department, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Plant One Million"

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Party in the Garden a Success!

Thanks to all who came out to the 2011 Party in the Garden on May 4. This annual celebration raises funds for signature public landscapes and was chaired by Karen and Ed D'Alba. The event was designed by David Fierabend and staff at Groundswell Design Group and featured music by Brandywine Jazz, as well as fun family programs courtesy of the Please Touch Museum.

◁ Left to right: Ed and Karen D'Alba, 2011 Party in the Garden chairs; PHS President Drew Becher; Executive Vice President Katrina Wilhelm; and David Fierabend of Groundswell Design Group.

Thank You for Helping Us Meet the Independence Foundation Challenge!

Thanks to the support of many generous donors, **PHS has met the Independence Foundation's challenge grant**! The challenge grant matched all new and increased gifts made to PHS during the past year, helping PHS sustain its transformative work throughout the region.

Your contributions, which go even further thanks to the challenge grant, help support innovative PHS programs such as Plant One Million, regional partnership to plant one million trees in the Greater Philadelphia Region, and City Harvest, an ambitious project that grows and donates fresh produce to families in need.

Missed the Independence Foundation Deadline?

You can still support PHS by making a gift and submitting it to your employer's matching gift program. Many companies have matching gift programs that double or even triple employee gifts to PHS, and your employer may be one of them! Some companies also match gifts of retirees, spouses, surviving spouses, and outside directors. Check with your employer's human resources department for further information on how you can increase your support to PHS.

2011 PHS Major Awards

Distinguished Achievement Award

Howard Neukrug, Commissioner of the Philadelphia Water Department, is changing the way we think about water.

Mayor Michael A. Nutter has called Howard "one of America's great thinkers on environmental policy and regulation." He is a national leader for sustainable practices and quality management in the water industry and has served as an advisor to the US EPA, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Delaware River Basin Commission.

Howard founded the Water Department's Office of Watersheds, a national model in watershed planning and partnership, and created its Clean Water, Green Cities initiative, which integrates land-based urban sustainability initiatives with the goals for clean, safe, attractive, and accessible rivers and streams. Howard has worked extensively over the years with PHS on innovative designs and solutions to help reduce stormwater runoff and protect watersheds.

In his role as Commissioner, which he assumed in January of this year, Howard is responsible for providing integrated water, wastewater, and stormwater services to the city of Philadelphia and Greater Philadelphia Region.

Certificates of Merit

Rose V. Gray has served as director for development for Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM), a nonprofit community development corporation in Philadelphia, for more than 20 years. During this time, she has become a strong advocate for the power of greening to engage community members in improving their neighborhoods. She has been involved with a number of Philadelphia Green programs—acting as a spokesperson for Vacant Land Management and a supporter of stormwater management projects in the neighborhood. Rose is a progressive leader in Transit Oriented Development and has been instrumental in the building of 13 new LEED-certified homes in her community.

Anne B. Kellett epitomizes the PHS volunteer: hardworking, diligent, and ever-cheerful. Anne served as chair of PHS Council from 2000 to 2004. During her tenure Meadowbrook Farm became part of the PHS family, following a bequest by the late Liddon Pennock, Jr., and she is a charter member of the Meadowbrook Committee. At the Flower Show, Anne has chaired the Competitive Classes Committee, exhibited her own blue-ribbon-winning plants, and currently helps organize the roster of Gardener's Studio volunteer speakers. Anne has been an active member of The Gardeners garden club, having served as president and chair of the club's Flower Show exhibit.

Adam Levine has been an ardent PHS volunteer and supporter for more than 25 years. He has served on many committees, including the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board, and is currently a member of the Marketing and Communications Committee. Adam has also been active with the Flower Show, both as a passer and entrant, and has opened the Media garden he maintains with his partner to PHS tours. Adam is a noted garden writer and frequent contributor to *Green Scene* magazine. His articles have also appeared in many other publications, including *Horticulture*, *Garden Design*, *Fine Gardening*, *Country Gardens*, and *Martha Stewart Living*, and he has twice won the Garden Writers Association Quill & Trowel Award for best magazine writing. Adam has written four books, including *The Passion for Gardening* (2003, with Ken Druse), *The Philadelphia Flower Show* (2003, with Ray Rogers); *A Guide to the Great Gardens of the Philadelphia Region* (2007, in collaboration with photographer Rob Cardillo); and *Gale Nurseries: Four Generations of Garden Excellence* (2008). He is also a historical consultant for the Philadelphia Water Department, for whom he maintains the website, *phillyh2o.org*.

2011 PHS City Gardens Contest

The PHS City Gardens Contest is a friendly competition that celebrates all types of urban gardens, from tiny tucked-away spaces to enormous community gardens, tended by people of all backgrounds. The contest is open to Philadelphia residents and is judged by volunteers. **To enter your garden, please complete and return the form below by June 10, or sign up online at *PHSonline.org*. Click on "PHS Events**."

Become a volunteer judge! Do you enjoy visiting gardens? Volunteer judging teams are needed to visit and evaluate gardens for the contest. To volunteer or for more information, please visit *PHSonline.org* or contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or *specialevents@pennhort.org*. (Note: you do not have to be a Philadelphia resident to serve as a judge.)

City Gardens Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address of garden: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Email: _____

Check appropriate category:

- ☐ Individual Gardens
- ☐ Individual Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Flower Garden
- ☐ Combination Flower/Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Individual Container Garden
- ☐ Child's Garden
- ☐ Community Gardens
- ☐ Community Vegetable Garden
- ☐ Community Flower/Sitting Garden
- ☐ Combination Vegetable/Flower Garden
- ☐ Children's Garden
- ☐ "Garden Block" with window boxes and sidewalk planters
- ☐ "The Greenest Block in Town" (street trees/front yards)

Mail to: PHS City Gardens Contest, 100 North 20th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

2011 Community Greening Awards

The PHS Community Greening Awards recognize individuals and groups in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware that have made a difference in their communities by planting and maintaining quality public spaces. Nominations will be accepted for public parks, main street planters, church gardens, train stations, municipal grounds, and other public plantings. Tree-planting projects are also eligible.

To qualify, a garden space must serve as a community amenity and must be open to the public free of charge. If you would like to nominate a site in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or Delaware, please contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897 or email *specialevents@pennhort.org*. **The deadline for nominations is June 30**.

Volunteer with PHS

We invite you to become involved with PHS year-round by choosing from dozens of activities, programs, and events. Your contribution of time and talent will support the PHS mission, and you'll have a great time, too. PHS offers opportunities for individuals as well as for groups of ten or more people to assist with community greening projects throughout the region. For more information, please visit *PHSonline.org* or contact Joe Soprani at 215-988-8809 or *jsoprani@pennhort.org*.

Education Programs

SAVE TIME—REGISTER ONLINE!

You can register for many PHS programs online at ***www.pennhort.net/eventregistration.***

MEMBER PRICING ONLINE

To take advantage of member pricing when registering online, you must **create a PHS user account on our website**. In addition to receiving special membership pricing, a user account lets you update your contact information, access your giving history, indicate your interests, and renew your membership all in one convenient place! New user accounts may take up to 24 hours to be activated. If you have not already done so, you can create a user account by visiting *www.pennhort.net/myaccount.*

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS

2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA
Third Tuesday of each month
through October, at 5 pm

Want to learn about exciting "green roof" technology? PHS leads popular tours of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters. Covering more than 45,000 square feet, the PECO green roof includes an observation deck and offers stunning views of downtown Philadelphia. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, and pre-registration at least two business days before the tour is required. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. Fee: $5 PHS members, $10 non-members.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

Wayne, PA

Walk: Flower Arranging From the Garden
Wednesday, June 1, 6 – 8 pm

Why spend money buying flowers when you can create something of beauty from what's growing in your garden, regardless of the time of year? Join Chanticleer horticulturist Jonathan Wright on an inspiring walk through Chanticleer in search of great flowers to cut for spring. Afterwards, Jonathan will demonstrate and discuss techniques for creating various arrangements while putting together numerous creations before your eyes. Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.

Walk: Small Space Big Impact: From How? to Wow!
Wednesday, June 8, 6 – 8 pm

Do you have a small back yard or garden and struggle to come up with the right design? Should the design be open and sparse or full and dense? How do you achieve a lush effect with limited planting space? Join Jonathan Wright for a walk through small and intimate spaces at Chanticleer to learn about great plants and design ideas to help make the most impact. Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.

Walk: Sun Worshippers
Thursday, June 16, 6 – 8 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist Lisa Roper will highlight sun-loving perennials you won't be able to resist—at their peak of perfection. On this informative walk through Chanticleer's fabulous gardens, Lisa will discuss appropriate cultural requirements, maintenance, and exciting color and texture combinations. Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.

Garden Winners: Gold Medal Plants and More!
Wednesday, July 13, 6 – 8 pm

One of the most basic principles of a successful garden is choosing plants that perform best in the region where you live. PHS's Gold Medal program recommends great varieties of woody plants—the backbone of garden design—for the mid-Atlantic region. Joe Henderson will lead this walk through the garden highlighting Gold Medal plants in a variety of settings, discussing care and maintenance and suggesting companion plants to complete the picture. Fee: $18 PHS Members, $23 non-members. Limit: 25.

House and Garden Tour
Wednesday, July 20, 6 – 8 pm

Built in 1913, Chanticleer was part of the Country Place Era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many businessmen and industrialists built expansive country estates away from the noise and congestion of cities. Designed initially as a summer home close to railroad transportation from Philadelphia, the house was enlarged in 1924 to become a year-round residence. This tour will include the ground floor of the main house with an emphasis on the relationship of the house to the greater landscape. We will learn about house contents and family history from archivist Anne Sims, and Joe Henderson will discuss the gardens. Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.

PHS will host a coach trip to the Brooklyn waterfront on July 19.

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) PHS retains a $5 cancellation fee.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee:	$

Name:_____ Member ID#: _____

Name of guest (if any):_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: _____ Email_____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

Card Number:_____ Expiration: _____ Card Security Code:_____

Signature:_____

☐ I/We would like to support PHS education programs.
Donation amount: _____ (select payment method above).

Education Programs

Unusual Annuals
Wednesday, July 27, 6 – 8 pm

It's time for a change! Make your garden the envy of your neighbors, who will ask, "What is that cool new plant and where can I get it?" Chanticleer is famous for unusual selections, and **Jonathan Wright** will suggest some of the newest and most reliable annuals for you to try in your containers, beds, and borders. He will also suggest more familiar plants to use in atypical ways. **Fee: $18 PHS Members, $23 nonmembers. Limit: 25.**

Hot, Flashy Containers
Thursday, July 28, 6 – 8 pm

These hot plant combinations will give you chills! **Terry Struve** will present a tour of Chanticleer's celebrated containers suggesting new eye-catching plant palettes, for sun and shade, to try at home. **Fee: $18 PHS Members, $23 nonmembers. Limit: 25.**

Plant Survivors
Wednesday, August 10, 6 – 8 pm

Don't let the dog days get you down! August can be the toughest month in the gardening season, as hot, often dry weather tests the grit of the plants you most likely selected for their other merits. **Terry Struve** will show us refreshing plant vignettes in the August garden that look great all season long. **Fee: $18 PHS Members, $23 non-members. Limit: 25.**

WOODY PLANT CONFERENCE
Friday, July 15, 2011
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College

The 2011 Woody Plant Conference offers a full day of presentations on a range of horticultural topics, including sustainable home landscapes, new introductions, and the health effects of gardens and trees. The conference includes lunch and tours of Scott Arboretum.

Speakers include **Peter Del Tredici**, who since 1979 has worked at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University as a plant propagator, editor of *Arnoldia*, director of living collections, and senior research scientist; **Scott McMahan**, owner of two Atlanta-area nurseries who has travelled extensively in search of rare finds; **Michael J. Raupp**, entomologist, professor, and extension specialist at the University of Maryland at College Park; **William Sullivan**, a professor of landscape architecture at the University of Illinois, whose research examines the health benefits and social impacts of natural landscapes; and **Bobby J. Ward**, a consultant to Progress Energy on rare and endangered plants along power lines and the author of *Chlorophyll in His Veins: J. C. Raulston, Horticultural Ambassador* (BJW Books 2009).

The Woody Plants Conference is co-sponsored by Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, PHS, the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum.

Visit *woodyplantconference.org* to register online, or call the continuing education office at Longwood Gardens, 610-388-1000 ext. 507.

PHS GARDEN VISIT
September 25, noon – 5pm

PHS members will tour private gardens in the Barto to Pennsburg, PA, area on Sunday, September 25 from noon to 5 pm. New this year: a shuttle bus will be available for an extra fee if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or cdutill@pennhort.org for more information. **FEE: PHS members $15, non-member guests: $30. Registration deadline September 12.**

COACH TRIP

The Brooklyn Waterfront Reclaimed
Brooklyn, New York
Tuesday, July 19, 7 am – approximately 6 pm

This coach trip to Brooklyn's shoreline will highlight the dramatic transformation of the urban landscape by top designers into various new uses for people to enjoy. Our first stop will be an urban farm called **Added Value**, where we will have a guided tour of the grounds. Added Value is a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable development of the Red Hook section of Brooklyn by nurturing a new generation of leaders. It provides long-term training to neighborhood teenagers and educational programming to elementary school students. Added Value also works with thousands of volunteers to revitalize local parks; transform vacant lots into vibrant urban farms; and improve access to healthy, safe, nutritious, and affordable food.

From the farm we will travel a short distance to the **Pier 44 Waterfront Garden** for a guided tour. This perennial garden was designed by Lynden Miller, one of America's foremost public garden designers and the designer of the Conservatory Garden in Central Park, as well as other prominent locations. The Waterfront Garden and Jetty are part of a 1/2-mile public walkway that includes a NY Water Taxi stop and is home to the Waterfront Museum & Showboat Barge.

We will then board the bus and travel along the East River to the Brooklyn Bridge, where we will have lunch on our own at your choice of nearby restaurants. After lunch we will visit **Brooklyn Bridge Park**. This world-class, sustainable waterfront park stretching 1.3 miles along Brooklyn's East River shoreline is being constructed in phases. We will have a guided tour of Pier 1. Designed by Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Pier 1 opened in March 2010 and includes rolling hills, riverfront promenades, innovative play areas, the "Granite Prospect," and stunning views of the Manhattan skyline. We plan to return to Philadelphia by 6 or 6:30 pm.

Fee: $80 PHS members, $95 non-members. Limit: 40. Fee includes coach fee; snacks, refreshments, and wine on the bus; and tour fees. Please bring sunscreen and a hat if we have a sunny day. Pickups will be at the Horticulture Center and PHS headquarters at 20th and Arch streets.

PHS Gardening Series
PHS Gardening Series events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Herbs 101
Saturday, June 4, 2 – 3 pm
Lawncrest Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6098 Rising Sun Avenue
Philadelphia, PA

Natural Pest Control: Solutions for Sustainable Living
Thursday, June 9, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Kensington South NAC
1301 N. 2nd Street
Philadelphia, PA

Gardening with Herbs
Monday, June 20, 6 – 7 pm
PHS McLean Library
100 N. 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA

TRAVEL WITH PHS

Virginia Garden Tour with PHS
October 3 – 6, 2011

Join fellow PHS members for four days visiting private and public gardens in and around Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, and Richmond, Virginia. Highlights of the trip will include visits to **Maymont**, the 100-acre Victorian estate with Japanese, Italian, English, and herb gardens; the historic gardens of **Monticello**; **Chatham Manor** in Fredericksburg, designed by Philadelphia-born landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman; and visits to current projects by noted local landscape architects. Hotel accommodations for three nights will be at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville. Chela Kleiber of PHS and Tari Carlson of Royal Road Tours will accompany the group. **For more information or a trip brochure, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.**

PHS Visits Hawaii
November 8 – 17, 2011

In celebration of the 2012 theme of the Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*, PHS will host a trip to Hawaii from November 8 through 17, 2011. The guided tour will include stops on the main island of Hawaii, as well as other islands. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the stunning natural beauty, pristine beaches, and lush tropical gardens of this island state. **For more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.**

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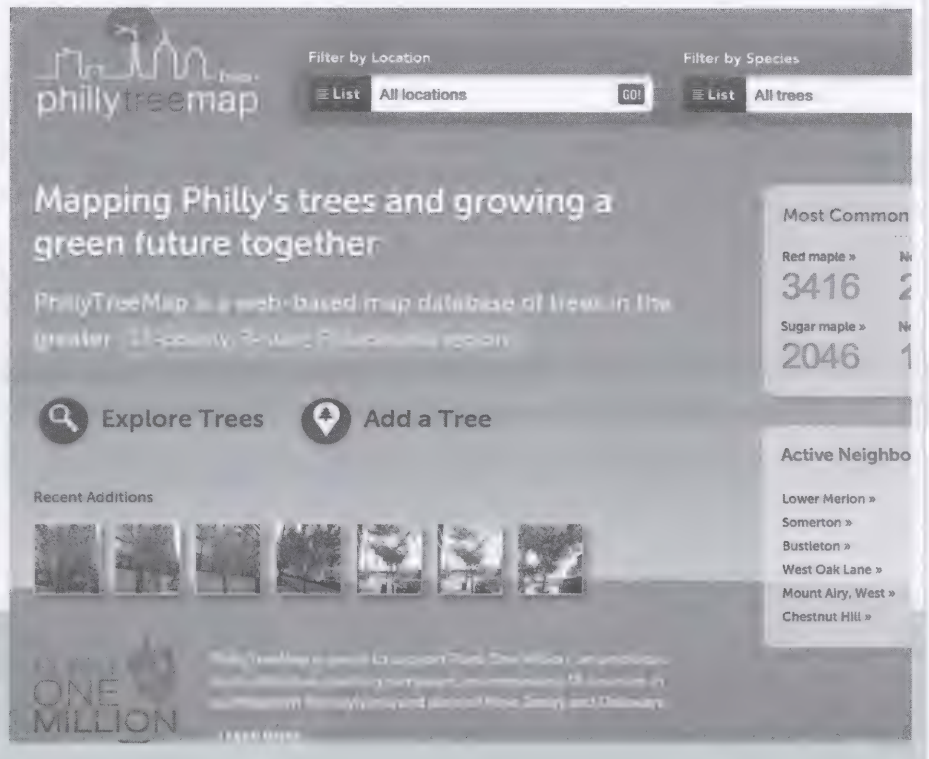
Help Map the Philadelphia Region's Urban Forest

An exciting new project invites the public to help map all trees—the "urban forest"—in the Greater Philadelphia Region. PhillyTreeMap is an easy-to-use website that lets you contribute to an interactive map of the tree population. Visit *PhillyTreeMap.org* to help map, inventory, and preserve our urban forest. For more details, please see page 3.

Read more stories like this at *PHSonline.org*.



Connect with PHS through Facebook and Twitter and watch videos on our PHS YouTube page.

McLean Library Puts Gardening Books and Journals Online

Imagine being able to search for an historic gardening book you want to peruse and, with a simple click of the mouse, read the book on your computer screen. No time to read it on your computer? No problem. You can download it to your Kindle!

The PHS McLean Library staff has been participating in a mass digitization project to digitize books and periodicals in the library that are of horticultural or historical significance, were published before 1923, and are in the "public domain" (may be freely used by everyone). You'll also be able to find Philadelphia International Flower Show programs from the 1980s and '90s.

Working with Lyrasis, a national library network, and the Internet Archive, a nonprofit founded to build an internet library that is free and accessible to all, PHS is sending pre-1923 books and periodicals to a scanning center to be digitized. The opening of the almost 200-year old library collection to students, researchers, and scholars around the world is an exciting way to preserve the PHS McLean Library—one of Philadelphia's cultural treasures.

To date, project librarian Lorena Boylan has sent more than 62 volumes to the scanning center, with a total of 58,082 pages scanned from books and periodicals from the library. To view this material, visit the PHS page on the Internet Archive website at *www.archive.org/details/pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.*

This project has been partially funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Pennsylvania Office of Commonwealth Libraries. Additional funding comes from the Sloane Foundation in partnership with Lyrasis. **Contact *mcleanlibrary@pennhort.org* to learn how you can help support this project.**

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PHS FALL GARDEN FESTIVAL

September 24, Philadelphia Navy Yard • New Hours! 10 am to 4 pm

Admission and Parking are Free • Rain or Shine

Autumn is a fabulous time to plant and plan new projects for the garden, and the 2011 PHS Fall Garden Festival will get you inspired.

The Festival offers PHS members and the general public a variety of activities, including workshops, music, shopping, children's activities, and tours. All activities are free and open to the public, except for the **Annual Plant Dividend**, in which participation is an exclusive benefit for current PHS members. *(Please note: Sustaining and 1827 Society members may enter the Plant Dividend Tent from 8 to 10 am.)*

The PHS Fall Garden Festival is a fun event for everyone, featuring:

- **New this Year: "Bounty by the Basket"** and **"Salsa"** competitions. For information on how to enter, visit *PHSonline.org*
- **New this Year: Biergarten hosted by PHS Young Friends** (see page 4)
- **Annual Plant Dividend** (PHS members only)
- **Tours** of the Navy Yard (on the half-hour, 10 am to 3 pm) ***New extended hours!***
- **Gardeners Marketplace** with fresh produce, tools, plants, garden accessories, fine crafts, PHS merchandise and Gold Medal plants
- **Meadowbrook Farm store**
- **Green Stop**—recycle horticultural plastics, all numbers *Thank you in advance for bringing plastics that are CLEAN and DRY*
- **Horticultural demonstrations** (on the hour, 10 am to 1 pm)
- **Plant Society Row**
- **Free daffodil bulbs** to members who renew (regardless of expiration date) and guests who join PHS
- **Free Admission, Free Parking**

PHS members can visit the **Plant Dividend tent** to select free plants (one plant for associate members and three for Household and Leadership members). **Valid PHS membership cards are required to enter the Plant Dividend tent.** Bring your card or visit the Membership tent for a temporary card. Dividend plants are grown and donated by expert propagators, PHS members, and commercial growers. Selections will include **perennials, shrubs, houseplants, and trees** that will beautify your indoor and outdoor garden for many years to come.

Everyone is welcome. Please invite your friends and neighbors! And if they'd like to become a member that day to take advantage of the Plant Dividend, membership staff will be happy to help them join PHS.

For a complete list of activities and vendors, detailed directions, and more information, please visit *PHSonline.org*.

Directions to the Navy Yard
The Navy Yard is located at the **south end of Broad Street** and is easily accessible from I-95 (Exit 17, Broad Street). Enter through the main gate; the event is held on the Parade Ground (watch for signs). For detailed driving directions, please visit *PHSonline.org*.

SEPTA users: take the **# 17 bus** (marked Navy Yard). Please check with SEPTA for more information (215-580-7800 or *septa.org*).

Volunteers Welcome
Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities at the PHS Fall Garden Festival. If you would like to help, please contact Alexis Nodiff at 216-988-1622 or *anodiff@pennhort.org*.

More about the PHS Plant Dividend
The PHS Plant Dividend is an exclusive member benefit—a gift to our valued members. The plants are donated by talented growers, most of whom are also PHS members. We welcome plant donations. For donation guidelines, please visit *PHSonline.org*, or contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.

The PHS Pops Up garden at 20th & Arch streets drew a big crowd on opening day. Visit *PHSonline.org* for a list of events at the garden.

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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

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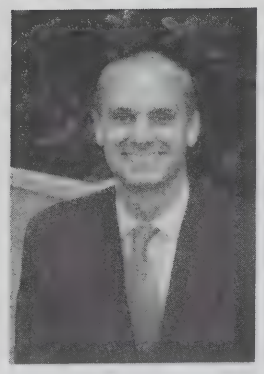

PHS POPS UP

PHS has been "Popping Up" this summer with fun, engaging sites that shine a light on all the great gardening PHS is involved in all over the city and the region. I hope you have had a chance to visit our temporary garden at 20th and Market, where we are growing vegetables, fruit, herbs, and grains. This garden celebrates our City Harvest program, which makes fresh produce more readily available in underserved communities. Since the garden opened to the public in June, this busy downtown corner has been transformed into a place to relax, learn, and be inspired.

Just about every part of the garden is recycled, reused, or reclaimed. Temple University's reconstructed 2011 Flower Show exhibit, *écolibrium*, greets visitors near the garden gate—a perfect entreé to the inspiring stories, delicious produce, and sustainable designs you will find on this 32,000-square-foot site.

Creating this garden would not have been possible without key partners. The William Penn Foundation provided major funding, and additional contributions came from Brandywine Realty Trust and Independence Blue Cross, which permitted PHS to use this site. Six well-known chefs are raising additional support for City Harvest by showcasing herbs and vegetables grown at the Pops Up garden in signature dishes and donating a portion of the proceeds back to City Harvest. Other partners include WOGL, which brings music to the site, and the Franklin Institute, which is offering children's science activities.

Many PHS staff members deserve thanks and high praise for working so hard to obtain the necessary city permits, collaborating with Temple University professor Baldev Lamba to flesh out a workable design, and then constructing and planting the garden in less than three weeks.

During planning and planting, I realized that the experience of bringing the Pops Up garden to life was a little like putting together the Flower Show, as staff worked hand in hand with volunteers to make things happen. Special shout-outs go to members of the Men's Garden Club, who disassembled and cut old wood fencing found on the site, and to long-time Flower Show associate Bob Alstrom, who fashioned the wood into garden fixtures.

I also want to thank all of the volunteers who enhance the garden experience with guided tours and demonstrations, which will continue into the fall. Thanks as well to the many nursery owners and gardeners who donated or provided at a reduced cost many of the plants you'll find at 20th and Market, including a number of PHS Gold Medal Award winners.

Meanwhile, be sure to visit our other "PHS Pops Up" sites: Logan Square, where carousel animals from the 2011 Flower Show "pop up" from the plantings around the Swann Memorial Fountain, and PHS headquarters, where new plantings have created a tropical paradise. All we have to do is look out our windows to get excited for the 2012 Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha!*

Our next big event, of course, is the Fall Garden Festival, with exciting new features this year. I look forward to seeing you there. As always, check out the PHS website for up-to-date event information.

Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Each season has its merits, and late summer is no exception. While not as showy as springtime, August and September offer a host of rewarding gardening work that produces both beauty and bounty. Here are some late-summer tips from the staff at Meadowbrook Farm.

- August is an ideal time for deadheading annuals and perennials. If they look worn out and straggly, cut back severely.
- Cut dahlias while they're in full bloom, preferably in the early morning. Slice stems diagonally and place the flowers in a vase for indoor enjoyment.
- If your cucumbers or squash have stopped producing, remove the vines from the garden. Otherwise they'll get moldy, and who wants that?
- In September you may consider bringing your potted tropicals indoors for winter. When you do, be sparing with fertilizer and don't be alarmed by a bit of leaf drop; dormancy is part of the natural cycle.
- Wait until next spring to do your pruning. Pruning too late in the fall will provoke new growth that can't endure winter weather.
- Tomatoes and peppers dislike the chill of early autumn, but carrots, leeks, and beets are of a hardier stock. Don't fret the frost!

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*

For more garden guidance, visit Meadowbrook Farm. Be sure to pick up some mums, everyone's fall favorite. Finally, visit *meadowbrookfarm.org* to monitor the growth of this year's monster pumpkins. Can we beat last year's record of 667 pounds?

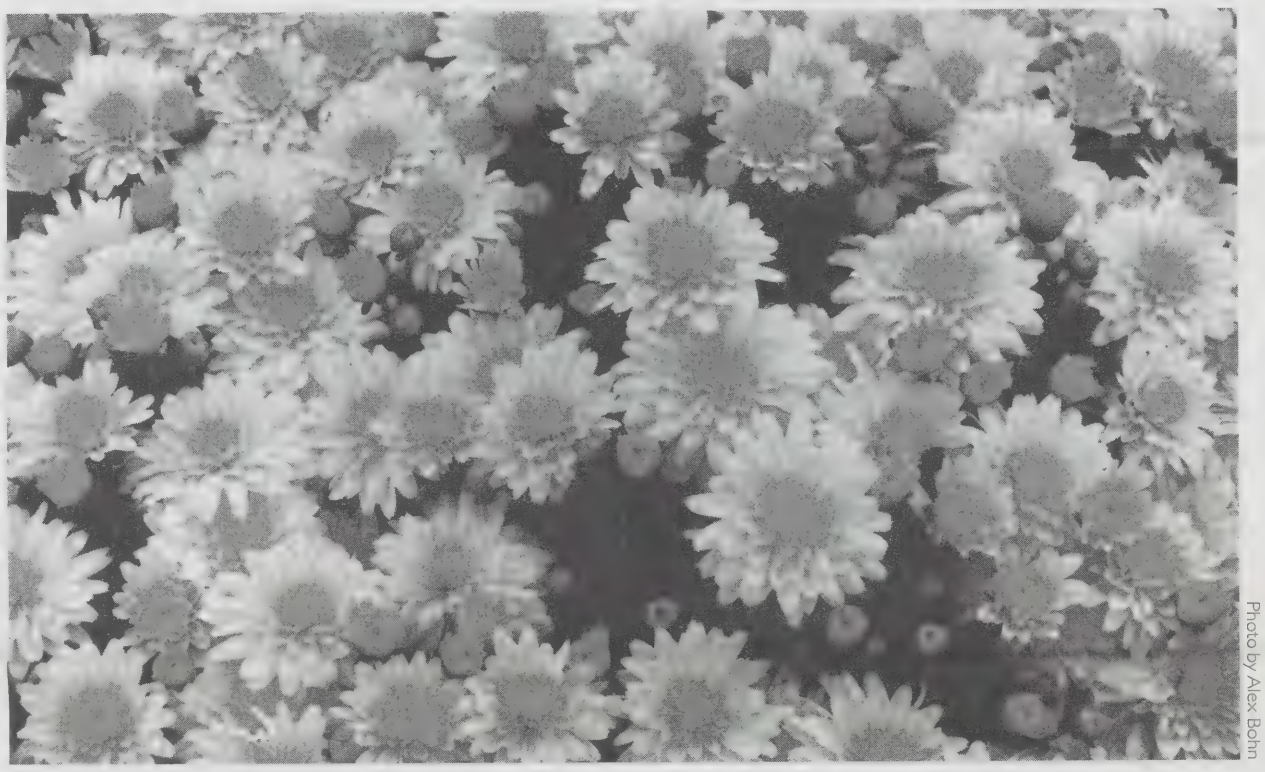

Photo by Alex Bohn

Special Horticulture Classes for 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show

Information about named bulb selections and challenge plants for the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show is now posted on the Flower Show website (*theflowershow.com/Exhibits/ccinfo.html*). You may request a printed copy by emailing *fsguide@pennhort.org* or by sending your name and address to Flower Show and Events Department, PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Information about all classes will be published in the 2012 *Exhibitor's Guide*, available beginning in September.

In the Spotlight

Mia Mengucci

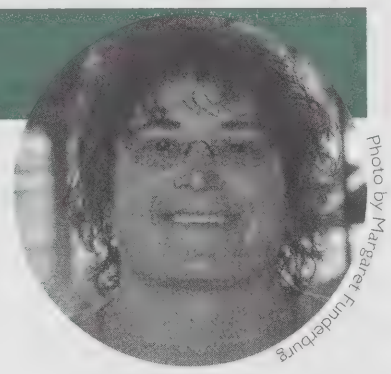

Photo by Margaret Funderburg

More than a few PHS staff members claim Mia Mengucci as one of their "star" volunteers. Mia has her hand in a bit of everything at PHS, from the Flower Show to Tree Tenders to the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award program.

A Pennsylvania-certified horticulturist, Mia began her career working in greenhouses as a teenager. She then moved on to gardening for private clients and working in garden centers. She currently works at Primex, in Glenside, PA.

Mia became involved with PHS during her application to join the Pa. Landscape & Nursery Association. Part of her training included a volunteer stint at the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award booth at the Flower Show about 10 years ago. "I was the volunteer who wouldn't go away," she laughs. Since then, Mia has been invited back every year to help at the Show, as well as to talk about Gold Medal plants at other events.

"The Flower Show kicks off the gardening season for me," says Mia. "It's like reunion week; it's a lot of fun. But I also take very seriously my role as a PHS representative."

Knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and passionate about gardening, Mia is a graduate of the PHS Tree Tenders and Green City Teachers training programs. For the past eight years, she has been active with the West Mount Airy Tree Tenders group and leads a local Girl Scout troop in planting trees. She serves on the Tree Tenders Advisory Committee, gives lectures at the Gardener's Studio at the Flower Show and for the PHS Gardening Series workshops, and volunteers at the PHS Kids Grow Expo.

"I love my PHS family," Mia says. "I can't say enough about what PHS has done for me. I value the connection as I would value a very dear friendship—that's why I say 'yes' to everything!"

Photo by Linda Walczak

Auguste Rodin's *The Burghers of Calais*, cast in 1925, was recently moved from the main gallery to a refurbished garden setting on the east side of the Museum. Over time, the garden will be defined by a sheared hedge of European hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and will bloom with a groundcover of cranesbill (*Geranium maculatum* 'Espresso').

Rodin Museum Landscape Complete

PHS and Partners Renovate a Parkway Jewel

One of Philadelphia's cultural gems, the Rodin Museum, located on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, has received a landscape renovation thanks to a collaborative project of PHS, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. Together the partners hired the Philadelphia-based design firm OLIN to plan improvements for the Museum's courtyard and outer landscape and will oversee landscape management.

Administered by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Rodin Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of works by French sculptor Auguste Rodin. The museum's formal stone entrance, known as the Meudon Gate, was also recently restored.

OLIN looked for inspiration to the original 1919 garden plans by Jacques Gréber, who conceived the overall design of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The rejuvenated landscape retains the formal interior courtyard, adding new boxwood hedges and perennial borders, and features flowering trees and shrubs in the outer sections. Plantings include many native selections, such as Christmas fern, yarrow, foamflower, bee balm, and Allegheny spurge.

PHS has partnered with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation on other high-profile landscape projects along the Parkway, including the grounds of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Azalea Garden, and the Swann Memorial Fountain landscape at Logan Square.

At a July 14 ribbon cutting ceremony, PHS President Drew Becher said, "This project continues our wonderful partnership with the Art Museum and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, and will be a fantastic new attraction on the Parkway."

Concurrent with the Rodin project, streetscape improvements on the 2100 and 2200 blocks of the Parkway have improved pedestrian access in the area, and horticultural enhancements closer to City Hall, on the 1600 and 1700 blocks, are also in the works.

These projects, along with the Rodin garden and landscape improvements, have been funded through a $17 million grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the William Penn Foundation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the City of Philadelphia. The grant also includes funds for a new park in South Philadelphia, called Hawthorne Park, which will be completed this fall.

Fall Tree Tenders Training

PHS will offer its nine-hour Tree Tenders® training course at three locations this fall (details below). The course offers hands-on tree care and covers tree biology, urban stresses on trees, tree identification, tree planting, community organizing, tree pruning, and root care. A community can form a Tree Tenders group by having three or more people attend the course, and individuals can attend on their own. Please note that the training is not appropriate for children under 16.

PHS and its partners recently launched Plant One Million, the nation's largest multi-state tree campaign, to replenish the tree population of 13 counties in the Greater Philadelphia Region, including southern New Jersey and Delaware. Tree Tenders training supports the Plant One Million campaign by empowering and teaching residents to plant and care for local trees.

Fee: $25. Pre-registration is required. **Please register online at *PHSonline.org*.** For more information on the Bucks and Chester county trainings, contact Barley Van Clief at *bvanclief@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8793. For the Philadelphia training, please contact Mindy Maslin at *mmaslin@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844.

Training Dates and Locations:

Bucks County
September 8, 15 & 22, 6 – 9 pm
Perkasie Borough Hall
620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, PA 18944

Chester County
September 13, 20 & 27, 6 – 9 pm
Exton Community Baptist Church
114 East Swedesford Road
Exton, PA 19341

Philadelphia
October 12, 19 & 26, 5:45 – 8:45 pm
PHS
100 N. 20th St., 5th floor
Philadelphia PA 19103

Save the Date: CitiesAlive 9th Annual Green Roof & Wall Conference, November 30 - December 3

PHS, the Philadelphia Water Department, and the Mayor's Office of Sustainability will co-host the 2011 CitiesAlive Green Roof & Wall Conference, the only conference in North America devoted to the green roof and wall industry. This year's conference will focus on how green roofs and walls can contribute to Philadelphia's multi-billion dollar plans to use green infrastructure to revitalize its urban waters. Held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown (201 North 17th Street), the conference will include educational sessions and panel discussions, a Green Roof Professional accreditation exam, tours of green roofs, an industry trade show, and more. For details and to register, please visit *citiesalive.org*.

Plant One Million Spring Update

Here's a progress report on the Plant One Million project from this spring. Plant One Million (*plantonemillion.org*) is a multi-state initiative led by PHS to plant one million trees in the Greater Philadelphia Region. Below are stats from PHS at the time of this printing—more to come from our partners, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Delaware, and New Jersey, which are still collecting data. Visit *plantonemillion.org* to get the latest updates and to learn how you can get involved.

- 10,000 trees planted through PHS and TreeVitalize programming
- 1,300+ PHS volunteers engaged in planting trees
- 185 new Tree Tenders trained
- 44 tree-related training sessions by PHS
- 150 mini tree training sessions for children
- 675 trees reported planted via the Plant One Million website

PLANT ONE MILLION DONATION FORM

Yes, I will support PHS and the Plant One Million campaign
to beautify our communities and improve our environment by planting trees

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please accept my gift of:

☐ $35 to purchase a shovel for planting.
☐ $50 to buy mulch for newly planted trees.
☐ $100 to help pay for one tree.
☐ $150 ☐ Other _____

Payment Method:

☐ Check enclosed (payable to PHS) OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card# _____ Expiration _____ Card Security Code _____

Signature _____

Mail To: PHS, Attn: Development Department, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Plant One Million"

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Growing the Future of PHS

Mobile Giving ... Can You Dig It?

As the gardening season begins to wind down, your support of PHS remains as important as ever. By supporting PHS you demonstrate your belief in the power of building communities and transforming lives through horticulture. Your 100-percent tax-deductible donation to PHS allows us to support community gardens, revitalize neighborhood parks, organize tree plantings, and care for spectacular public landscapes.

As PHS demonstrated this summer, our work can "pop up" just about anywhere at any time, and we want to give you the same flexibility in showing your support! We are proud to announce you can now **text a $10 donation** in support of PHS and our programs from your cell phone. Simply text the keyword **"DIG"** to **85944** and donate on the go!

PHS Receives United Way Grant

PHS is thrilled to announce it recently received a three-year grant from the **United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania!** This highly competitive grant will bring $20,000 a year for three years to PHS to support our work. Many thanks to the United Way, and to all donors who support PHS and our programs.

Support PHS through United Way (ID # 06197)

As United Way workplace campaigns roll out across the region this fall, we hope you will consider directing your United Way contribution to PHS. Simply note Donor Option ID #06197 on your pledge card.

Do You Work for a Matchmaker?

Many companies have matching gift programs that double or even triple employee gifts to PHS, and your employer may be one of them! Some companies also match gifts of retirees, spouses, surviving spouses, and outside directors. Please check with your employer's human resources department for further information on how you can increase your support to PHS.

Left to right: PHS staff members Kate Wilhelm, Lisa Stephano, Drew Becher, Maitreyi Roy, Sam Lemheney, and Lisa Miller with Philadelphia International Flower Show exhibitor Jacques Amand in London

PHS Staff on the Road

The community of passionate horticulture people extends well beyond Philadelphia, and recently a handful of PHS staff members hit the road to meet with industry leaders and experience other fantastic flower shows.

In late May, six PHS staff members, including PHS president Drew Becher, attended the venerable **Chelsea Flower Show** in England. The PHS party received exclusive tours of the show and met with their counterparts from the Royal Horticultural Society.

"It was wonderful meeting the RHS team and discussing our shared successes and challenges," says Becher. "We'll move forward with this collaboration and continue to learn from one another."

In June, PHS Flower Show design director Sam Lemheney and two colleagues traveled to Boston for the **World Flower Show**, organized by the World Association of Flower Arrangers. Themed "The Glorious Earth," the four-day presentation is a showcase for cutting-edge floral design. Several people from the Philadelphia International Flower Show's competitive classes also entered this show. Susan Detjens earned a third-place win for her entry in the tables class; and the duo of Wilfreta Baugh and Carol Critchlow received third-place for their artistic creation.

Lemheney says, "The WAFA show was truly international in terms of the exhibitors and visitors, and it was gratifying to see Philadelphia so well represented."

NEW! Enhance your PHS Membership with the Young Friends Add-on

PHS Young Friends is a group of young adults in their 20s and 30s who share a common interest in greening and the positive impact it has on the Philadelphia region. PHS Young Friends attend educational programs, participate in tree plantings, and make new friends, all while supporting and caring for the community at large.

A Young Friends Add-On may be added to any membership level.

$30 - Single Add-on
$50 - Dual Add-on

In addition to all the benefits you receive as a PHS member, PHS Young Friends receive the following:

- Complimentary ticket(s) to the Philadelphia International Flower Show ***Preview Party After Party*** (Single, 1 ticket; Dual, 2 tickets)
- Drink vouchers for the PHS Fall Garden Festival ***Biergarten*** (Single, 2 vouchers; Dual, 4 vouchers) Must be at least 21 years old to redeem vouchers.
- Complimentary ***PECO Green Roof tour***
- Invitation to a ***PHS Young Friends Open House***
- Discounted pricing to PHS Young Friends ***workshops and events*** throughout the year
- Volunteer opportunities for ***LOVE Your Park*** in the fall and early spring

To purchase the PHS Young Friends Add-on or for additional information, visit *PHSonline.org* (click on "Membership") or contact Allison Burkhart at 215-988-1628.

Young Friends Biergarten at the PHS Fall Garden Festival

Join PHS Young Friends at the 2011 Fall Garden Festival for our first-ever **Young Friends Biergarten!** While enjoying the festivities of the day, stop by the Biergarten tent for a taste of local brews, with all proceeds supporting PHS Young Friends. The Young Friends Biergarten tent will be open from **12 noon to 4 pm** and will offer shade, good times, and refreshments. Members who purchase the new Young Friends Add-on (*see left*) will receive drink vouchers with their membership. **The tent is open to everyone age 21 and up.**

2011 PHS Annual Meeting

All are invited to attend.
Wednesday, November 9, 5 – 8 pm

LOCATION TBD (*Please visit* PHSonline.org *for location information.*)

Please join us for the 2011 PHS Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, November 9, beginning at 5 pm**. (The meeting location was not yet determined at press time.) RSVP to Betsie Blodgett at *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818.

We will elect members of PHS Council, present the 2011 PHS Annual Awards, and take up other Council business.

The Council has approved the nomination of the following members to be **re-elected** to second three-year terms, starting November 8, 2011: **John K. Ball, Steven Bessellieu, Julia B. Fisher, Penny Hansen, Harry E. Hill, Gerry Lopez, Charles A. O'Brien, Margaret Sadler,** and **Jason E. Vermillion**.

In addition, the PHS Nominating Committee will place in nomination for election to a first three-year term, starting November 8, 2011:

Kenneth G. Wood
Mr. Wood is senior vice president in the Global Commercial Bank at Bank of America. Currently Ken chairs the Meadowbrook Farm Committee and serves on the Finance Committee. He and his wife, Teresa, are members of the National Advisory Council for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Proxy Form
The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Annual Meeting of Members
November 9, 2011

The undersigned hereby appoints John K. Ball, Morris Cheston, Jr., and Drew Becher, each of them the true and lawful attorneys of said member, with full power of substitution, to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, to be held at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members, all adult members of household should sign.
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign:

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Please return no later than October 21, 2011
Mail to:
PHS, Attn: Betsie Blodgett,
100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Fax to: 215-988-8810
Please return your signed proxy, we need your vote!

Jouni Seppänen

Inspiring Floral Artistry: A Hallmark of Spectacular Design, featuring Jouni Seppänen

PHS and Longwood Gardens are pleased to announce a series of events that will focus on spectacular-yet-simple designs. **Renowned Finnish floral designer Jouni Seppänen** demonstrates innovative floristry through marvelous technical execution and inventive use of "mono-botanical" plant material (using one type of plant).

All events will be held at Longwood Gardens. Registration for each event includes all-day admission to Longwood Gardens. An exclusive boutique of imported items preferred by professionals will be available for your shopping convenience.

Demonstration & Floral Lecture (for all skill levels)
Wednesday, October 19

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm: boutique open for shopping
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm: optional buffet dinner with the designer, *$30/person*
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: "Simplification Gives Mastery: Possibilities with Leaves," *preferred seating $75/person; open seating $55/person*
8:30 pm: raffle of selected designs
8:30 pm - 9:30 pm: boutique open for shopping

Workshops (for all skill levels)
Thursday, October 20

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: "Bundle Techniques: High Impact, Low Cost," *$175/person*
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm: Lunch available in the Terrace Restaurant
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm: "Raise the Roof: Vertical Container Design," *$175/person*

All-Day Workshop (for experienced or professional arrangers; includes lunch)
Friday, October 21

9:00 am - 4:00 pm: "Trends and Techniques in Nordic Floral Design," *$300/person*

Space is limited; Register early! Fill out and mail in the form below, register online at *pennhort.net/floralartistryregistration*, or contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897.

REGISTRATION

Register by phone, fax, or mail, or by visiting *pennhort.net/inspiringfloralartistry*. Make checks payable to PHS and mail to Kay Gramiak, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or fax to 215-988-8783.

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Wednesday	Oct. 19					
		Dinner with the Designer		_____	reservations @ $30	= $_____
		Demonstration	Open seating:	_____	reservations @ $55	= $_____
			Preferred Seating:	_____	reservations @ $75	= $_____
Thursday	Oct. 20	*(workshops include all materials)*				
		am Workshop: Bundle Techniques		_____	reservations @ $175	= $_____
		pm Workshop: Raising the Roof		_____	reservations @ $175	= $_____
Friday	Oct. 21	*(workshop include all materials and lunch)*				
		Workshop for experienced arrangers		_____	reservations @ $300	= $_____
					Total	$_____

Registering for two or more people? Please include names and addresses of additional registrants on a separate sheet.
Method of Payment: ❒ Check enclosed OR Please charge my ❒ VISA ❒ MasterCard ❒ American Express

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Card # _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

For more information, visit *pennhort.net/inspiringfloralartistry* or contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897.

Education Programs

SAVE TIME—REGISTER ONLINE!

You can register for many PHS programs online at *pennhort.net/eventregistration.*

MEMBER PRICING ONLINE

To take advantage of member pricing when registering online, you must **create a PHS user account on our website**. In addition to receiving special membership pricing, a user account lets you update your contact information, access your giving history, indicate your interests, and renew your membership all in one convenient place! New user accounts may take up to 24 hours to be activated. If you have not already done so, you can create a user account by visiting *pennhort.net/myaccount*.

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 North 20th Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Evening Lecture: Living on the Edge—Orchids and Conservation in Amazonia

Monday, September 26, 6 pm

This timely presentation will highlight the threats to the biodiversity of flora and fauna in the Amazon rainforest, focusing in particular on neo-tropical orchids and their role as indicators of the overall health of the Amazon. The vast majority of orchids are epiphytes, living on other objects such as trees or rocks, and they are especially sensitive to climate change. In particular, they are good ecological indicators for increasing temperatures and aridity. **John Salventi** of Parkside Orchids and **Roger Mustalish** will describe the conservation work of the Amazon Center for Environmental Education and Research (ACEER) in protecting the rainforest and its orchids. They will also introduce the **PHS trip to the Amazon** in spring of 2012. (Watch future issues of *PHS News* for details.)

John Salventi is a former health-care professional and the founder of Parkside Orchid Nursery, one of the largest "multi-generic" retail/wholesale orchid nurseries in the northeastern United States. John travels extensively to secure plants directly from the growers in South America, Central America, Hawaii, and Asia.

Roger W. Mustalish, Ph.D., has been president of the ACEER Foundation since 1991 and is a veteran of more than 70 expeditions, workshops, and nature tours to the Peruvian Amazon. He is currently engaged in assessing the overall health of the rainforest by studying indicator species.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:30 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Evening Lecture: Organic No-Till Farming

Tuesday, October 18, 6 pm

Join the Rodale Institute's **Jeff Moyer** for a fascinating presentation based on his book, *Organic No-Till Farming*. The book details a system that limits tillage, reduces labor, and improves soil structure. Based on the latest research and sound biological principles, this book arms you with new technologies and tools that make it possible to reduce and even eliminate tillage. Moyer's methods use soil biology to power the system. Field tested over many seasons, these methods make cover crops into a source of fertility as well as a tool for weed management. As traditional tillage turns into rotational tillage, natural soil biology is maximized and synthetic inputs are minimized.

Jeff Moyer is director of farm operations at the Rodale Institute, in Emmaus, PA, where he is an expert in organic crop production systems including weed management, cover crops, crop rotations, equipment modification and use, and facilities design.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:30 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception and book signing. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Workshop: Painting Flowers and Plants with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays: October 18 - December 6, 10 am - 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor and have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you! Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this popular eight-part class includes mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, creating form and dimensionality, and a discussion of watercolor brushes and paper. We will work from live specimens, beginning with the simpler forms of fruits and vegetables. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members. Limit: 15.**

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome!

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS

PECO Green Roof with PHS Pops Up

2301 Market Street and local walking tour, Philadelphia, PA
Monthly, Third Tuesdays: August 16, September 20, & October 18, 5pm

Want to learn about exciting green roof technology? PHS will lead tours of the 45,000-square-foot green roof at the PECO headquarters in Philadelphia every third Tuesday of the month at 5 pm. This summer there is an added bonus! After the one-hour tour of the green roof, we will walk to local sites where PHS has created "pop up" gardens, including our headquarters at 20th and Arch streets, Logan Square, and our extensive new pop up garden at the corner of 20th and Market streets. **Limit: 25.** *Please note the deadline to sign up for these tours is two business days before the tours, and names of guests must be given. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.*
Fee: $5 members, $10 non-members.

PHS GARDEN VISIT

September 25, noon - 5pm

PHS members will tour private gardens in the Barto to Pennsburg, PA, areas on Sunday, September 25 from noon to 5 pm. **New this year: a shuttle bus will be made available if there is enough interest.**
Please contact Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869 or *cdutill@pennhort.org* for more information.
Fee: PHS members $15, non-member guests: $30.

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, visit *pennhort.net/eventregistration* or fill out the form on this page and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) PHS retains a $5 cancellation fee.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
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Education Programs

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Plant Survivors
Wednesday, August 10, 6 - 8 pm

Don't let the dog days get you down! August can be the toughest month in the gardening season, as hot, often dry weather tests the grit of the plants you most likely selected for their other merits. **Terry Struve** will show us refreshing plant vignettes in the August garden that look great all season long. **Fee: $18 PHS Members, $23 nonmembers. Limit: 25.**

Walk: Turf Wars
Wednesday, September 14, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Chanticleer's **Scott Steinfeldt** will provide an overview of lawn-care basics every homeowner should know. His topics will include the best turf grass varieties for residential lawns, maintenance, mowing frequency, fertilizer and watering, and essential mowing and other lawn-care equipment. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: September Splendor
Wednesday, September 21, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

September brings welcome cooler nights and renewed garden vigor. Many plants are at their peak, including fall-blooming perennials like asters and ornamental grasses, and fall-blooming bulbs such as colchicum. Many vegetables are ready for harvest at this time of year as well. **Jonathan Wright** will be our guide around the garden during this wonderful transitional season. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Flaming Foliage
Saturday, October 29, 10 am - noon

Join **Joe Henderson** for a delightful walk through Chanticleer at the peak of its autumn glory, when the deciduous trees display a riot of fiery foliage color. Joe will describe how the leaves turn color in the fall, why we have fall in our region, why some years are more dramatic than others, and which trees you should include in your landscape for the best autumn color. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

GREENSOURCE EVENT
Evening Lecture at the American Philosophical Society: Designing the Wild and Cultivating the City
Franklin Hall, 427 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
Tuesday, September 20, 6 pm

Award-winning artist, designer, architect, and educator **Fritz Haeg** will present his recent work, including his acclaimed series of "Edible Estate" gardens and "Animal Estates." Edible Estates are a series of urban pleasure gardens that replace front lawns and other unused spaces in front of homes with places to grow food. Eight of these gardens have been planted so far, from Istanbul to Austin and London to Los Angeles. By reconsidering the use of our small, individual, private front yards, the Edible Estates project invites us to reconsider our relationships with our neighbors, the sources of our food, and our connections to the natural environment immediately outside our front doors.

Haeg's most recent project, Animal Estates, creates homes for animals that have been displaced by humans. Each edition of the project is commissioned and presented by a local museum and often includes related performances, displays, installations, exhibitions, documentary videos, and printed materials such as a local field guide. The project debuted at the 2008 Whitney Biennial, at the Whitney Museum of American Art, featuring a designed beaver pond in the sunken courtyard, and an eagle's nest perched above the museum entry. Both the Edible Estates and Animal Estates projects suggest urban environments that are more wild, productive, participatory, and fun.

Fritz Haeg studied architecture in Italy at the Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia and Carnegie Mellon University. He is a Rome Prize fellow, in residence at the American Academy in Rome from 2010 to 2011, and has won many other fellowships and awards. He has taught architecture, design, and fine art at Princeton University and the California Institute of the Arts among other institutions.

This presentation is co-sponsored by the American Philosophical Society (APS) Museum. **The lecture is free, but please register by contacting the APS Museum at *museum@amphilsoc.org* or 215-701-4421.**

IN THE GARDEN
Lighting up Your Landscape
Aston, PA
Wednesday, September 28, 7 pm

This dusk-to-dark garden transition "walkabout" tour of **Steven and Jacqui Katz's** Delaware County garden will showcase the many diverse lighting techniques they have installed to make their garden inviting all night long. Steven will answer questions as you collect dozens of ideas for turning your garden into a 24-hour-a-day paradise. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

GARDEN RAILROAD TOUR
Downingtown Area
Saturday, October 22, noon - 5 pm

This family-friendly, self-guided garden visit will delight people of all ages. In partnership with the **Southeastern Pennsylvania Garden Railway Society**, we will feature five gardens selected for their charming garden railroad displays. We will provide driving directions and a map to the gardens, which you may visit in any order you choose from noon until 5 pm. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

CONFERENCE
Perennials Conference
Friday, October 14
Lang Performing Arts Center, Swarthmore College

Topics and speakers include: "Beg, Borrow or Steal" [garden design ideas], by **Nan Sinton**; "Shade Perennials: Gems of the Forest Floor," by **Gregg Tepper**; "Change: The Passage of Time in the Garden," by **Sydney Eddison**; "Developing Perennial Plant Communities, 'The Know Maintenance Approach,'" by **Roy Diblik**; and "Good Planting in the Dixter Style," by Fergus Garrett. The conference also includes the Promising Plant Forum, morning and lunch-time tours of the Scott Arboretum, and a happy hour after the conference. **Please visit *perennialplantconference.org* for more information and registration details.**

PHS GARDENING SERIES
PHS Gardening Series **events are free unless otherwise noted.** For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Canning and Preserving Food
Monday, August 22, 6 - 7 pm
PHS McLean Library
100 N. 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA

Travel with Us

Virginia Garden Tour with PHS
October 3 - 6, 2011

Join fellow PHS members for four days visiting private and public gardens in and around Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, and Richmond, Virginia. Highlights of the trip will include visits to **Maymont**, the 100-acre Victorian estate with Japanese, Italian, English, and herb gardens; the historic gardens of **Monticello**; **Chatham Manor** in Fredericksburg, designed by Philadelphia-born landscape architect Ellen Biddle Shipman; and visits to current projects by noted local landscape architects. Hotel accommodations for three nights will be at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville. Chela Kleiber of PHS and Tari Carlson of Royal Road Tours will accompany the group. For more information or a trip brochure, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.

PHS Visits Hawaii (New Dates)
November 29 - December 8, 2011

In celebration of the 2012 theme of the Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*, PHS will host a trip to Hawaii from November 29 through December 8, 2011. The guided tour will include stops on the main island of Hawaii and other islands. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the stunning natural beauty, pristine beaches, and lush tropical gardens of this island state. For more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.

Gardens of Bath and Wiltshire with Jane Pepper
June 3 - 13, 2012

Next June PHS returns to England to see wonderful gardens in and around Bath and in the county of Wiltshire. For the first phase of the tour, we will be based in the Georgian elegance of Bath, with its restored Roman baths and fine medieval abbey. From Bath it's a short distance to the limestone gardens of the south Cotswolds and to other gardens in the southwest in Somerset. For the second part of the tour, we'll move to Wiltshire, with its chalk downlands and gentle vales. We will visit Wilton House (built by Inigo Jones in 1647), where the Earl of Pembroke has transformed the gardens over the past 40 years.

The tour will be led by Jane Pepper, accompanied by tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior. We will fly from Philadelphia directly to Heathrow. For information and a trip brochure (available in September), please contact Betsie Blodgett at 215-988-8818 or *bblodgett@pennhort.org*.

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Count Your Tree at *Plantonemillion.org*

Fall is the perfect time to plant a tree! Each tree planted helps PHS and its partners in the **Plant One Million** campaign reach the goal of planting one million trees to improve our region's environment. After planting your tree, please visit the Plant One Million website, *plantonemillion.org* website, click on "Count," and enter your information. See a Plant One Million progress report on page 3.
Thank you!

Apple iPad edition of *Green Scene* is here!

Along with the e-version of *Green Scene* that members can access on their computers, PHS will now offer an **Apple iPad version** of the magazine in brilliant color! When each issue is published, all qualifying members will receive an email containing links to each version.

As a further step, you can help us save the planet and reduce our printing bill by contacting us to **opt-out** of the paper version of *Green Scene*. Just send an email to *memserv@pennhort.org* and we'll take care of the rest.

Now take *Green Scene* with you wherever you go with your iPad!

Read more stories like this at *PHSonline.org*.

PHS Tube

Connect with PHS through Facebook and Twitter and watch videos on our PHS YouTube page.

PHS McLean Library News

McLean Library Book Sale
Wednesday, October 5, 2011
9:30 am to 5 pm

The PHS McLean Library annual book sale offers new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices. For extra bargains between 4 and 5 pm, buy as many books as you can fit into a grocery bag for $1! Proceeds of this sale benefit the McLean Library.

Please consider donating used books for the sale. We are seeking books on gardens, plants, landscape, and natural history. Drop books off at the McLean Library between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Donations will be accepted until Friday, September 23. Questions? Contact Priscilla Becroft at 215-988-8772 or *pbecroft@pennhort.org*.

PHS McLean Library Is Wired!

The PHS McLean Library offers **complimentary WiFi!** This means you may take advantage of the great resources in our library and access the Web at the same time—a perfect combination for your gardening research needs.

For more information contact Janet Evans, PHS McLean Library and Archives manager at 215-988-8782 or *mcleanlibrary@pennhort.org*.

McLean Library Book Group Meetings

Our long-running book discussion group "Stories from the Garden" is so popular that we now have two series:

The evening series meets the first Thursday of the month, 5:45 – 7:45 pm. We read and discuss works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land.

The daytime series meets the second Monday of the month, noon – 1:30. This series consists of short stories or non-fiction pieces on gardening or nature themes. Bring your brown-bag lunch and join the discussion.

Both groups meet in the McLean Library, located on the first floor at PHS headquarters, 20th & Arch streets, from October through June (skipping March). Participants should obtain and read each month's selection prior to the meeting. For more information (including reading lists) or to register for a discussion, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772. See the PHS calendar at *PHSonline.org* for dates/times.

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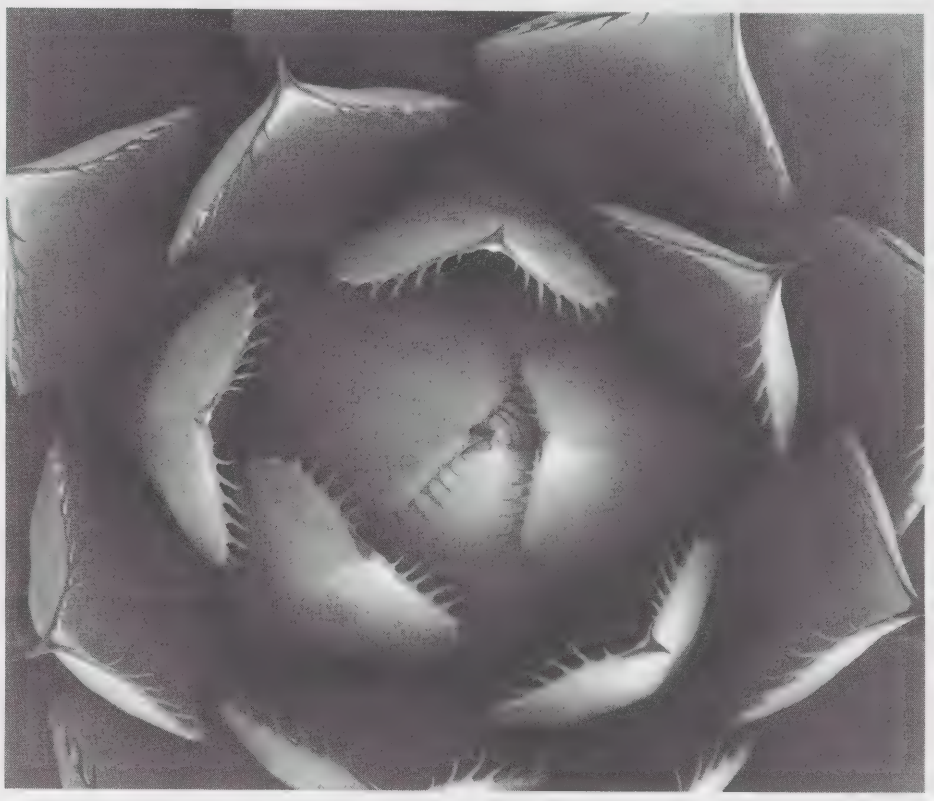
"Strange Beauties" The PHS Succulent Plant Show!

Beginning October 31 in the PHS McLean Library
Admission is FREE!



Love those weird and wonderful cacti and succulent plants? If so, come to the first-ever plant exhibit in the **PHS McLean Library, located inside PHS headquarters at 20th & Arch streets**. The show will feature intriguing plants from all over the world, from Mexico to Madagascar. Many of these specimens are being grown by our experts at Meadowbrook Farm.

The exhibit offers visitors the opportunity to learn how to grow succulents, see "green roof" plants, and get involved with other gardeners who share a passion for succulents. PHS members can check out related books and DVDs.

Succulents are great plants for your home. "Many succulents can survive in less than full sun and are good for windowsill growing," says John Story of Meadowbrook Farm. "There are easy-to-grow types for the beginner, as well as more challenging genera for the advanced hobbyist. Many succulents can easily survive if you go on vacation for a week or so, given the proper size pot and the right soil." Story will display many of his own plants in the exhibit.

This will be the first in a new series of plant shows in the McLean Library, harkening back to PHS's history of mounting small exhibits, such as orchid, bulb, and rose shows, during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The planned exhibits will help PHS members and the public connect with the McLean Library in new and exciting ways.

The show will run through early December. For more information, call 215-988-8772 or email *pprown@pennhort.org*

PHS Pops-Up Garden Closing Event

Monday, October 24, 12 noon – 5 pm, FREE

Please join us on October 24 for a closing celebration at the PHS Pops Up garden at 20th and Market streets. The event will provide an opportunity to thank all the volunteers and partners who helped make the garden such a success.

On October 24 the garden will be open to the public beginning at noon. Garden partners will set up tables with information. There will be a formal closing ceremony at 3 pm followed by a picnic and celebration. All events and refreshments are free.

PHS installed the temporary garden in May on a vacant lot, owned by Brandywine Realty Trust and Independence Blue Cross, to call attention to local food production and to highlight PHS programs such as City Harvest, which helps make fresh food more readily available in underserved neighborhoods.

This season the garden has produced more than 1,000 pounds of food, and 5,000 people have visited the site and enjoyed the many workshops and events held there over the past four months. Chefs from some of the city's top restaurants created signature dishes using produce from the garden and donated a portion of the proceeds to City Harvest. All materials used in the garden will be re-used or composted.

The October 24 closing celebration is being held on **National Food Day**, which includes events held nationwide that promote healthy, affordable food produced in a humane and environmentally sustainable way.

If you cannot attend this event, please consider making a contribution to the PHS City Harvest project. Visit *PHSonline.org* to make a secure donation online, or text the keyword "DIG" to 85944 to donate from your mobile phone.

PHS Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 5 - 8 pm
Location to be announced
Visit *PHSonline.org* for information.

Please join us for the 2011 PHS Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, beginning at 5 pm. The meeting is open to all PHS members. We will elect members of PHS Council, present the 2011 PHS Major Awards, and take up other Council business. **RSVP to Bridget Bonasch at *bbonasch@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8805.**

Travel to the Amazon with PHS!

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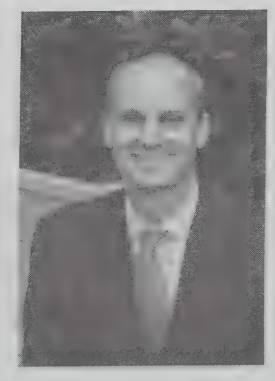


Volunteers Making a Difference

It has been quite a summer, and I hope you and your gardens made it through the oppressive heat, the earthquake, and the hurricane intact and that you are now enjoying the autumn in your yard or one of the many wonderful arboreta and public gardens in the Greater Philadelphia Region. I know fall would not be the same without a view of the splendid yellow leaves of a spreading American Elm (*Ulmus americana*) from my front window.

And as I start getting my garden ready for winter—and planning ahead to spring—I think of all the wonderful plants we grew and events we held in *our* garden, the PHS Pops Up garden at 20th and Market streets in Philadelphia. Since the garden's grand opening in June, more than 5,000 people have passed through the gates. Some came out of sheer curiosity; most for a special event or ongoing free classes, such as the tai chi class that drew a dedicated group of enthusiasts twice a week for three months.

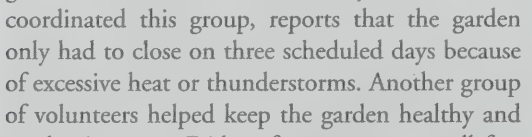
The Pops Up, as we came to refer to it, created a dynamic living message for our City Harvest program, which provides fresh, locally grown food to families in Philadelphia. We also partnered with six well-known local chefs, who used some of the garden's vegetables, herbs, and flowers in their restaurants to raise awareness of City Harvest. We thank them for giving a portion of the proceeds back to PHS for ongoing greening efforts, as well as sharing some of the recipes with us. Visit the PHS blog at *PHSonline.org* (click "News") for recipes.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the many volunteers who helped make this garden a success. During our twice-a-week "open house," volunteers welcomed visitors, answered questions, and gave personalized tours of the garden. PHS staff member Betty Greene, who coordinated this group, reports that the garden only had to close on three scheduled days because of excessive heat or thunderstorms. Another group of volunteers helped keep the garden healthy and productive every Friday afternoon—no small feat as the summer swung wildly from 100-degree temperatures to record rainfall.

I also want to give a shout-out to all the volunteers who helped make the Fall Garden Festival so much fun and a great success, especially the Plant Dividend Committee, led by PHS Council member Robin Potter. Close to 100 dedicated volunteers ensure this favorite member benefit happens every year. These folks grow herbs, perennials, houseplants, shrubs, and trees; pick up the 5,000-plus plants from individuals, nurseries, and arboreta; or set up and staff the Plant Dividend tent. I am amazed by the sheer variety of very special plants and am grateful for all the time and care that goes into this event.

We plan to expand our volunteer opportunities at PHS, starting with a new corporate volunteer program. Whether you own a small local business or work for a large international company, we can match your group to a site or event that best suits your interests and needs. We have a big tree-planting day scheduled for Saturday, November 5, for our Plant One Million effort, when we will be leading groups in Philadelphia and Chester counties to plant between 500 trees and 1,500 saplings. If you would like more information, please contact Adrienne Simpson at *asimpson@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8786.

Again, many thanks for all you do to support PHS, and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.



Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Fall Open House

Saturday, October 15
8 am - 6 pm

Dramatic transformations are now a daily occurrence at Meadowbrook Farm, where the top-notch team is infusing the gardens with favorite fall plants. New additions include ornamental peppers, *Euphorbia* 'Blackbird', a wide variety of grasses and sedges, and even some extra-hardy tropicals.

You can see the gardens firsthand at Meadowbrook's Fall Open House on Saturday, October 15. The day includes self-guided tours of the estate house; crisp fall refreshments; and activities for little ones, such as pumpkin painting. Adding extra excitement this year is a straw-bale obstacle course and the chance to launch pumpkins at distant targets!

As always, Meadowbrook's gift shop will offer a wide selection of home and garden accessories, and the greenhouses will practically burst with an array of plants. Remember, everything you see in the gardens is available for purchase. Must-haves include Tuscan kale, mixed lettuce planters, colorful mums, and beautiful pre-planted fall containers.

Remember, PHS members get great discounts, so bring your membership card. Check the website for event details. See you at the Open House!

Alex Bohn

See incredible giant pumpkins at the Fall Open House!

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1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
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In the Spotlight

PHS Pops Up Garden Volunteers

All summer long at the PHS Pops Up garden at 20th & Market streets, intrepid volunteers have been greeting visitors with a smile—and smiling was not always easy during one of the hottest Philadelphia summers on record.

Nevertheless, these PHS stalwarts have welcomed garden visitors during public hours, helped maintain the garden, and shared their considerable collective knowledge of plants.

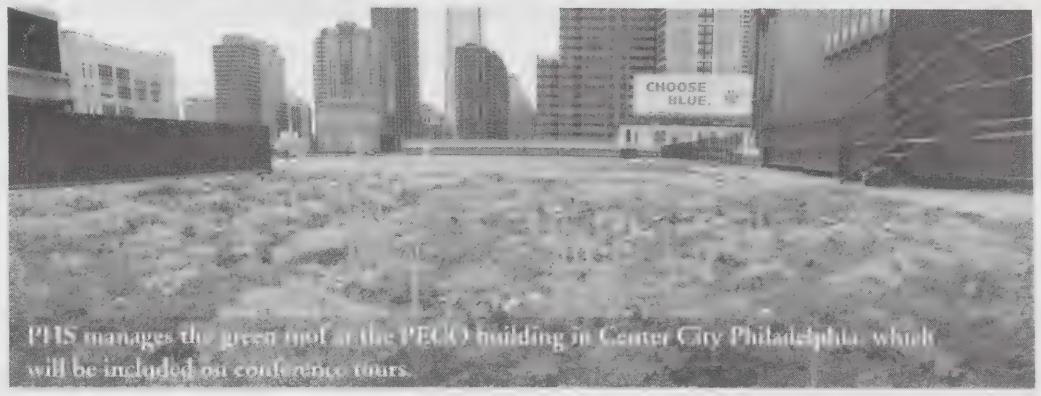
"It's an amazing group," says Betty Greene of PHS, who put together the roster of garden volunteers. "They have been there every day the garden has been open to welcome people, answer questions about PHS and plants, explain City Harvest and other PHS programs, and accompany garden walks when requested. They were invaluable in the success of this very popular garden."

Pictured here are a few of the volunteers:
Top, left to right: PHS garden intern Sophie Rudolph with volunteers Charlotte Biddle and Estelle Alexander
Center: Ed Tierney
Bottom right: Barbara Rittenhouse

Many thanks to all of the PHS Pops Up volunteers!

PHS to Co-Host Green Roof Conference

CitiesAlive Green Roof & Wall Conference
November 30 – December 3
Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown
201 North 17th Street



PHS manages the green roof at the PECO building in Center City Philadelphia, which will be included on conference tours.

PHS, the Philadelphia Water Department, and the Mayor's Office of Sustainability will co-host the 2011 **CitiesAlive Green Roof & Wall Conference**, the only conference in North America devoted to the green roof and wall industry. Organized by Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, a trade group, this year's conference will focus on integrated design, residential green roofs, and how green roofs and walls can contribute to Philadelphia's multi-billion dollar plan to use green infrastructure to restore its urban waters.

Green roofs and walls are covered with living plants in special growing mediums that absorb rainfall, regulate building temperatures, improve indoor and outdoor air quality, and reduce the urban heat island effect (caused by roofs and concrete heating up their local environments).

PHS President Drew Becher will give a keynote speech, and several PHS staff members will offer presentations. PHS has also been involved in the planning of some fantastic tours of local green roofs, including the 45,000-square-foot green roof at PECO's building in downtown Philadelphia, which PHS manages.

"PHS is excited to bring attention to this growing industry, which is a relatively new but quickly growing and exciting part of the horticulture world." says Becher. "Other cities that have hosted the conference have seen an increase in interest and in the number of green roofs subsequently built, as well as support for incentives to encourage even more green roofs."

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities reports that the green roof and wall business grew by 28.5 percent in 2010, which is a rare bright spot in the design and construction industries.

Philadelphia was chosen as a host city because it has gained national recognition for its green initiatives. These include the Philadelphia Water Department's use of "green infrastructure," or plants and land-based solutions, to control stormwater; Mayor Michael Nutter's *Greenworks* sustainability plan; innovative projects in the region like green walls at Longwood Gardens and Drexel University; and the work PHS has done with communities to educate citizens and turn green spaces into water management sites. The Philadelphia region is currently home to 64 green roofs at commercial or institutional sites, including those planned or under construction.

The conference will include educational sessions and a Green Roof Professional accreditation program, as well as panel discussions, an industry trade show, and tours of green roofs.

For information or to register, visit *citiesalive.org*.

A Tree in Every Yard, Northeast Philadelphia

PHS Promotes Tree-Planting at Home

Last spring Northeast Philadelphia residents gathered at Pennypack Environmental Center to pick up container-grown trees, watch planting demonstrations, and receive tree-care advice. In support of its Plant One Million initiative (*plantonemillion.org*), PHS rolled out "A Tree in Every Yard," offering trees to residents in certain Zip codes.

PHS began the project in Northeast Philadelphia because the area has low tree canopy cover but ample space on residential yards for new trees. The pilot project was a great success: 170 trees found new homes.

A Tree in Every Yard returns to Northeast Philadelphia this fall. The free trees are six to eight feet tall and weigh about 35 pounds, a manageable size for home planting. Tree selections include red maple, Eastern redbud, and Hawthorn 'Winter King'. The following Zip codes are eligible: 19111, 19114, 19115, 19116, 19135, 19136, 19149, 19152, and 19154. Talk to your neighbors before you sign up! Residents of the block that plants the most trees will receive a special prize.

Why plant a tree? Private yards are a prime spot for trees. In addition to offering shade and beauty, trees create a greener, more attractive neighborhood, reduce energy bills, increase real estate values, protect rivers and streams, and help prevent flooding. Do your part by planting a tree this fall!

You must register in advance by October 4 to receive a tree. Once you register, you will receive the location and date for mid-October pickup.

To register online, visit *atreeineveryyard.phsonline.org*. For more information, please contact Liz Haegele at *lhaegele@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1618. A Tree in Every Yard will expand to other communities in upcoming seasons.

Once your tree is planted, consider becoming a **PHS Tree Tender** to help care for trees in your community! Details at right.

Get Involved in Plant One Million

Help plant trees in your community

Volunteers are needed for Plant One Million tree plantings throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region. Thousands of trees will be planted this fall, and you can help! Please consider offering a morning of your time as we work together to improve our environment by planting trees. Many planting events are being held in Philadelphia as well as in Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, as well as parts of New Jersey and Delaware.

For details and to find a tree-planting event near you, please visit *plantonemillion.org*. The website features a clickable map where you can find exact locations, dates, times, and contact information for your town or neighborhood. Information will be updated on this map as it becomes available.

If your employer or company would like to participate as a group, please contact Adrienne Simpson at *asimpson@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8786.

PLANT ONE MILLION

Become a PHS Tree Tender!

PHS will offer its nine-hour Tree Tenders® training course this fall (details below). The course offers hands-on tree care training and covers tree biology, urban stresses on trees, tree identification, tree planting, community organizing, tree pruning, and root care. A community can form a Tree Tenders group by having three or more people attend the course, and individuals can attend on their own. Please note that the training is not appropriate for children under 16. Tree Tenders groups can apply for free trees for their community in return for their services.

Fee: $25. Pre-registration is required. Please register at ***PHSonline.org***. For more information contact Mindy Maslin at *mmaslin@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844.

Training Dates:
October 12, 19 & 26, 5:45 – 8:45 pm
PHS headquarters
100 N. 20th St., 5th floor
Philadelphia PA

Love Your Park: Fall Edition

Saturday, November 5, 9 am – noon

On Saturday, November 5, join PHS staff and more than 2,000 volunteers for LOVE Your Park in neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia. Volunteer activities will focus on leaf collection and composting. PHS is partnering with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation on this citywide event. To find a park near you and to volunteer, please visit *PHSonline.org*. For more information contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1611.

Growing the Future of PHS

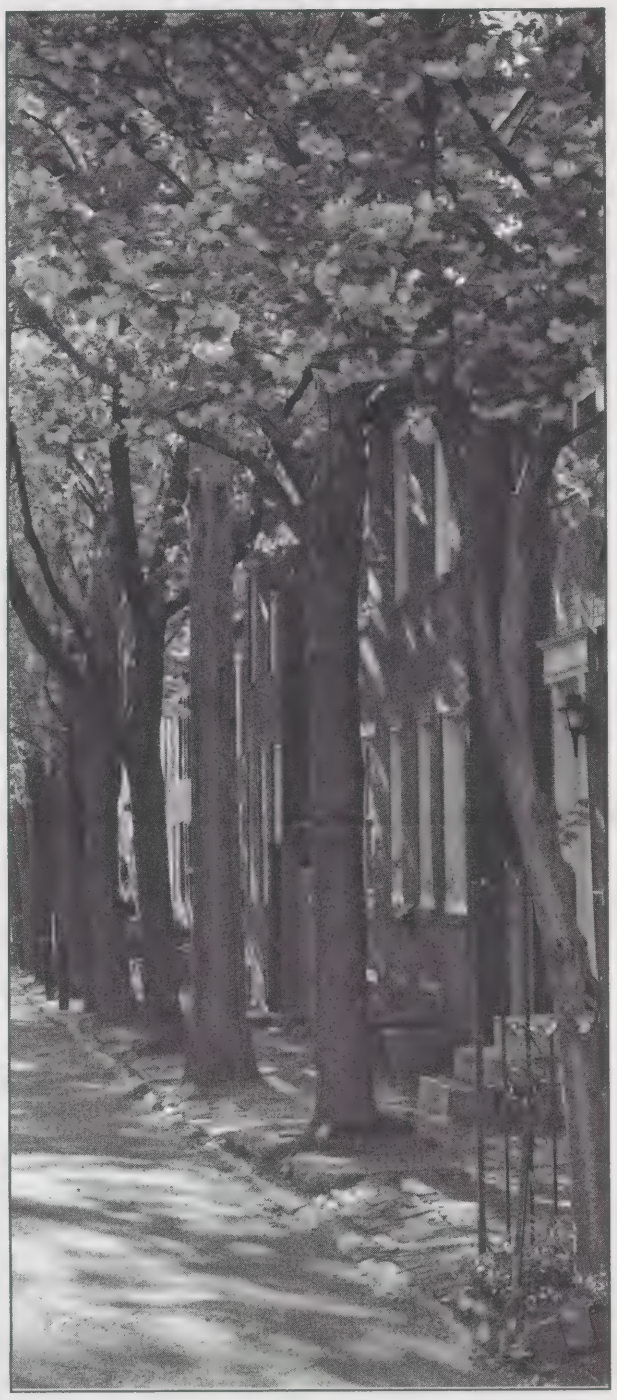
Support the Plant One Million Campaign

Your generous gift will help PHS plant trees in the region

PHS and partners have launched one of the most ambitious tree-planting campaigns in our region's history. The Plant One Million campaign will add one million trees throughout southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Plant One Million will create jobs, strengthen our communities, and improve our air and water quality for generations to come. Visit *plantonemillion.org* for more information and to learn how you can get involved.

Your generous donation will help ensure the success of Plant One Million. Please consider the most generous amount you can give by choosing one or more of the options below. For more information, please contact the PHS Development office at 215-988-8800 or *giving@pennhort.org*.

Gifts to the Plant One Million campaign are also a wonderful way to celebrate special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and graduations, as well as a thoughtful expression of sympathy. For gifts of $100 or more, PHS will send a beautiful certificate to each recipient to announce your special gift.



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A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

PHS Flower Arranging Event

Inspiring Floral Artistry, featuring Jouni Seppänen

Renowned Finnish floral designer Jouni Seppänen demonstrates innovative floristry through marvelous technical execution and inventive use of "mono-botanical" plant material (using one type of plant). Registration includes all-day admission to Longwood Gardens. An exclusive boutique of imported items preferred by professionals will be available for your shopping convenience. Register now for a demonstration and dinner with the designer at Longwood Gardens. At this time, workshops are full. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list for workshops, please contact Kay Gramiak at *kgramiak@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8861.

Jouni Seppänen

REGISTRATION

Register by phone, fax, or mail, or by visiting *pennhort.net/inspiringfloralartistry*. Make checks payable to PHS and mail to Kay Gramiak, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or fax to 215-988-8783.

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		Demonstration for all skill levels	Open seating:	_____	reservations @ $55	= $_____
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Thursday	Oct. 20	Workshop: Bundle Techniques		_____	reservations @ $175	= $_____
		Workshop: Raising the Roof		_____	reservations @ $175	= $_____
Friday	Oct. 21	Workshop for experienced arrangers		_____	reservations @ $300	= $_____
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PHS Membership Discount Program – New Vendors

The following merchants have recently joined our growing list of vendors who offer PHS Members an exclusive shopping discount:

Always the Garden, Wilmington, DE
10% discount on any plant material; no discount on hard goods; excludes sale items
alwaysthegarden.com

Back to Nature Home & Garden, Basking Ridge, NJ
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backtonature.net

Backyard Farmers, LLC, Philadelphia, PA
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BackyardFarmers.com

Bakanas Flowers and Gifts, Marlton, NJ
10% discount
BakanasFlowers.com

Buds to Blooms Garden and Supply Co., LLC
Kennett Square, PA
10% discount on all gardening supplies
budstoblooms.com

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10% discount on all live goods
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hickoryhillheathandheather.com

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10% off plant purchases. Discounted plants do not apply.
linvillaorchards.com

Primex Garden Center, Glenside, PA
10% off trees, shrubs, and greenhouse foliage plants
primexgardencenter.com

Woodlawn Landscaping and Nursery
Chadds Ford, PA
10% discount
woodlawnlandscapingandnursery.com

In addition to great shopping discounts, PHS Members may now take advantage of **dining discounts at area restaurants** that feature locally grown ingredients in their menu items at the following locations:

Down to Earth Café, Perkasie, PA
10% discount
thedowntoearthcafe.com

Rembrandt's, Philadelphia, PA
10% off total food order
rembrandts.com

Terrain at Styer's Garden Café, Glen Mills, PA
10% discount
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A complete list of participating vendors and discounts may be found on our website at *PHSonline.org* (click on "Membership"). You may also request a copy by contacting our Member Services department at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-1622, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

To receive your discount, present your current PHS membership card before the sale is rung up. Request a duplicate card at any time by emailing *memserv@pennhort.org* or by calling our Member Services department. To recommend a particular merchant or restaurant for our Vendor Discount Program, please contact Allison Burkhart at 215-988-1628 or *aburkhart@pennhort.org*.

Family Fun Pak Update

PHS Partners with Please Touch Museum

PHS is excited to announce a partnership with the Please Touch Museum's Discount Ticket Program. PHS Members can buy advance tickets to the Please Touch Museum for the discounted rate of $13 each. Discounted tickets are available by visiting the exclusive online Discount Ticket Store at *tickets.pleasetouchmuseum.org* and entering Store Name: PHS.

Please Touch Museum, the children's museum of Philadelphia, is dedicated to enriching the lives of children by creating learning opportunities through play. The museum was named one of the top ten children's museums in the country by *Parents* magazine and features six different interactive exhibits, a historic carousel, a 40-foot replica of the Statue of Liberty arm and torch made entirely of toys, daily music and art activities, and theater performances in the Please Touch Playhouse.

Please Touch Museum is open Monday through Saturday 9 am to 5 pm and Sundays 11 am to 5 pm.

For more information please visit *pleasetouchmuseum.org*.

Please Touch Museum®
MEMORIAL HALL
FAIRMOUNT PARK

Members' Appreciation Day at Triple Oaks Nursery

Sunday, October 9, 12 – 4 pm
Triple Oaks Nursery & Florist
2359 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ
856-694-4272
tripleoaks.com

PHS Members will receive a 20 percent discount on all plant purchases during this event—double the normal discount!

Enjoy beautiful garden tours and see native plants along the Maurice River. The nursery offers butterfly plants, cacti and hardy tropicals, kitchen and herb gardens, and more! Sample great refreshments and enter a drawing to win a Triple Oaks gift certificate.

Triple Oaks Nursery is a family-owned independent business. Besides being a long-time partner with the PHS Membership Discount Program, owner Lorraine Kiefer is a contributing writer to *Green Scene* magazine and a guest lecturer for PHS programs including the Philadelphia International Flower Show.

The event is free, but RSVPs are requested. RSVP to Lorraine Kiefer at 856-694-4272 or *lorraine@tripleoaks.com*.

2012 Flower Show Tickets Now on Sale!

As a PHS member, you receive free tickets to the Philadelphia International Flower Show! Avoid the rush and renew your membership now to receive tickets for the 2012 Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha* (March 4 - 11). If you need additional tickets for family and friends, you can purchase them online at ***theflowershow.com*** and print your tickets at home. Flower Show tickets make great holiday gifts. Purchase yours today!

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Treat your family and friends to a serene and elegant Garden Tea at the Philadelphia International Flower Show. A light menu of petit sandwiches, pastries, fruit, and an assortment of fine teas will provide the perfect respite during your Flower Show visit. Make a reservation today! Visit *theflowershow.com* or email *teas@pennhort.org*. (Please note: Garden Tea tickets do not include Flower Show admission.)

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Education Programs

SAVE TIME—REGISTER ONLINE!

You can register for many PHS programs online at *www.pennhort.net/eventregistration.*

MEMBER PRICING ONLINE

To take advantage of member pricing when registering online, you must **create a PHS user account on our website**. In addition to receiving special membership pricing, a user account lets you update your contact information, access your giving history, indicate your interests, and renew your membership all in one convenient place! New user accounts may take up to 24 hours to be activated. If you have not already done so, you can create a user account by visiting *www.pennhort.net/myaccount*.

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 North 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Evening Lecture: Organic No-Till Farming

Tuesday, October 18, 6 pm

Join the Rodale Institute's **Jeff Moyer** for a fascinating presentation based on his book, *Organic No-Till Farming*. The book details a system that limits tillage, reduces labor, and improves soil structure. Based on the latest research and sound biological principles, this book arms you with new technologies and tools that make it possible to reduce and even eliminate tillage. Field tested over many seasons, these methods make cover crops into a source of fertility as well as a tool for weed management.

Jeff Moyer is director of farm operations at the Rodale Institute, in Emmaus, PA, where he is an expert in organic crop production systems including weed management, cover crops, crop rotations, equipment modification and use, and facilities design.

The McLean Library will be open until 5:30 this evening. The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception and book signing. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Workshop: Painting Flowers and Plants with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays: October 18 - December 6, 10 am - 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor and have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you! Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this popular eight-part class includes mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, creating form and dimensionality, and a discussion of watercolor brushes and paper. We will work from live specimens, beginning with the simpler forms of fruits and vegetables. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members. Limit: 15.**

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome!

PECO GREEN ROOF TOUR

2301 Market Street and local walking tour
October 18, 5 pm

Want to learn about exciting green roof technology? Tour the 45,000-square-foot green roof at the PECO headquarters in Philadelphia. After the one-hour tour of the green roof, we will walk to local sites where PHS has created "pop up" gardens, including our extensive urban garden at the corner of 20th and Market streets. **Limit: 25.** *Please Note: You must sign up for tour at least two business days beforehand, and names of guests must be given. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.* **Fee: $5 members, $10 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT CHANTICLEER

Wayne, PA

Walk: Flaming Foliage

Saturday, October 29, 10 am - noon

Join **Joe Henderson** for a delightful walk through Chanticleer at the peak of its autumn glory, when the deciduous trees display a riot of fiery foliage color. Joe will describe how the leaves turn color in the fall, why we have fall in our region, why some years are more dramatic than others, and which trees you should include in your landscape for the best autumn color. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

GARDEN RAILROAD TOUR

Various Locations
Saturday, October 22, noon - 5 pm

This family-friendly, self-guided garden visit will delight people of all ages. In partnership with the **Southeastern Pennsylvania Garden Railway Society**, we will feature several gardens selected for their charming garden railroad displays. We will provide driving directions and a map to the gardens, which you may visit in any order you choose from noon until 5 pm. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

PERENNIALS CONFERENCE

Friday, October 14
Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College

Topics and speakers include: "Beg, Borrow or Steal" (garden design ideas), by **Nan Sinton**; "Shade Perennials: Gems of the Forest Floor," by **Gregg Tepper**; "Change: The Passage of Time in the Garden," by **Sydney Eddison**; "Developing Perennial Plant Communities, 'The Know Maintenance Approach,'" by **Roy Diblik**; and "Good Planting in the Dixter Style," by Fergus Garrett. The conference also includes the Promising Plant Forum, morning and lunch-time tours of the Scott Arboretum, and a happy hour after the conference. **Please visit *perennialplantconference.org* for more information and registration details.**

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Abington Township, PA

Workshop: Home Canning

Wednesday, October 5, 10 am – noon

Do you wish you could eat produce from your garden all year? Maybe you have too many green beans in your freezer and wish you could keep some without refrigerating them? This summer has been fabulous for tomatoes. Do you have too many? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, then it is time to learn the classic art of canning. **Tom Reber** of Meadowbrook Farm will explain how to can high-acid produce in a boiling water bath, what supplies you need for basic canning and where to

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) PHS retains a $5 cancellation fee.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee:	$

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find them, as well as where to find more information. We will prepare fresh produce (hopefully from the Meadowbrook vegetable garden) and preserve it in pint jars for winter enjoyment. Each student will take home a jar that he or she helped to can, and the *Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving* will be available for purchase. Bring a peeler or paring knife and join in the fun! **Limit: 20. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Composting and Putting Your Garden to Bed
Wednesday, October 12, 10 am – 12 noon

It's time to think about general garden cleanup and preparing your plants for the cold months ahead. Some stems and stalks may remain for winter interest, while others need a blanket or two to keep warm. **Glenn Ashton** will tell you how to make the short list easy and fun! What to do with all the trimmings? Glenn will discuss how to compost them, turning them into black gold for your garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Indoor Tropical Paradise
Thursday, November 3, 10 am – noon

Although the colder months are approaching, you can satisfy your plant cravings and get ready to visit Hawaii at the Philadelphia International Flower Show next March by turning your home into a tropical paradise. **Brandon Huber** will present a wide range of lush tropical plants that thrive in diverse indoor conditions, from low light and dry air to bright windows and cooler temperatures. You will learn how to care for your new treasures and make the best use of them in your home. All examples will be available for sale at the program. **Limit: 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Make Your Own Succulent Wreath
Thursday, December 1, 10 am – noon

Here's a fine alternative to the traditional Christmas wreath. Impress your friends and family with a charming outdoor living wreath you design and create yourself. **Kathryn Reber** will demonstrate how to use succulent plants, such as sedums and sempervivums, to fill a 12-inch frame filled with soil and moss. The finished creation can hang outside in the winter, and then be used as a table centerpiece or hung on your patio or garden gate in the spring and summer. **Limit: 20. Fee: $50 PHS Members, $60 non-members.**

Workshop: Deck the Halls, Mantles, and Ceilings!
Thursday, December 8, 10 am – noon

Bring some green to your mantle, stairway banister, or tabletop for the holidays! Learn the tricks of the florist trade from Meadowbrook Farm volunteer coordinator **Diana K. Weiner**. She will demonstrate how to make roping, wreaths, ornaments, topiaries, swags, and more from plants you may have in your own yard. Then you will create a boxwood topiary that will last a long time indoors. Space is limited; sign up early for this festive, hands-on event. Please bring scissors, hand pruners, and gloves. **Limit: 25. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE
140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

Evening Lecture: Lady Londonderry's Enduring Legacy at Mount Stewart
Monday, December 5, 6:30 pm

The garden at Mount Stewart is a beloved National Trust property in Northern Ireland, but the garden owes much of its mystery, magic, and artistry to its creator, Edith Vane-Tempest-Stewart, Marchioness of Londonderry. "Lady Londonderry" was a self-taught and passionate gardener who first came to Mount Stewart in 1915. By 1940, Lady Londonderry had completely transformed the plain lawns into a beautiful formal garden resembling an Italian landscape. She used the wilderness and beauty of Strangford Loch as a dramatic backdrop by cutting a vista through to the man-made Sea Plantation, where she created a sea-front paradise with a swimming pool, a Mediterranean garden, a rotating summer house, and a boardwalk leading out to the deeper water.

Mike Buffin will explore the early landscape of the garden at Mt. Stewart and focus on the unique influences of Lady Londonderry and her creative style. Buffin will also discuss the National Trust's role in caring for the garden since 1957 and the work currently underway to restore the garden to highlight Lady Londonderry's remarkable legacy.

Mike Buffin is a Gardens and Parks Adviser for the National Trust and provides technical advice for historic gardens and parks in London, Southeast England, and Northern Ireland.

There will be a reception sponsored by Freeman's Auctioneers and Appraisers at 6 pm. An optional dinner follows the lecture. Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by the Friday before the lecture. Co-sponsored by PHS, the Royal Oak Foundation, and the Union League of Philadelphia. **Formal business attire required. Fees: lecture only: $25. Lecture and dinner: $75 members and guests. Registration is required through the Royal Oak Foundation. Please call Robert Dennis at 212-480-2889, ext. 201 or visit *royal-oak.org*.**

IN THE GARDEN
Parkside Orchids, Ottsville, PA

Demonstration: An Introduction to Growing Orchids in the Home
Wednesday, December 14, 10 am – noon

This presentation will introduce you to the most popular genera of orchids and highlights those best suited for home growing. We will explore growth requirements and natural habitat and briefly review plant structure. Beware, once you start you may find orchid growing to be an addiction! **John Salventi** of Parkside Orchids will be our guide. Directions will be mailed with confirmation of your registration. Please let us know if you would like to order a boxed lunch to enjoy after the program. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 PHS members, $23 non members. Boxed lunch: $15.**

PHS GARDENING SERIES

PHS Gardening Series **events are free unless otherwise noted**. For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

FREE LECTURE SERIES

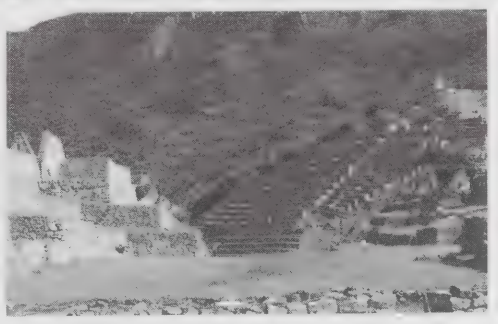
PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor a multi-session course, "Tropical Botany and Ecology." This course is free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. **Pre-registration is required and begins on Monday, November 28. Please visit *wagnerfreeinstitute.org/education_adult.shtml* or call 215-763-6529 ext.13**. Registered students will receive a syllabus with reading list.

Tropical Botany and Ecology
Tuesday, January 17, then five Mondays: January 23 – February 20, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

Think Hawaii, and the Philadelphia International Flower Show! Taught by **Dr. Karen Snetselaar**, this course will provide an introduction to the diversity and ecological role of plants in tropical ecosystems. Topics will include characteristics of different types of tropical forests, adaptations of specific tropical plants, and interactions between tropical plants and animals. We'll also discuss the implications of human exploitation of tropical rain forests and current conservation practices.

TRAVEL WITH PHS

PHS Travels to the Amazon: Orchids of Peru
April 9 – 18, 2012


Machu Picchu will be included on the Amazon tour.

Join fellow PHS members for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to Peru in search of orchids, history, and the breathtaking natural scenery of the Amazon Basin. Co-sponsored by the ACEER Foundation and West Chester University, this trip will include visits to the sophisticated city of Lima; the remote research station of Wayqecha; the Manu Cloud Forest; the sacred city of Machu Picchu; and Cusco, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere. John Salventi of Parkside Orchids and Chela Kleiber of PHS will accompany the group.

Peru is home to more than 2,000 species of orchids, with many more likely to be discovered. Orchids are the biological indicators of cloud forests and rain forests. With their complex requirements, they are also one of the first plants to suffer from subtle changes in their environment, and thus serve as potent indicators of unwelcome changes in nature. This trip will raise your awareness of the wild habitats of this captivating plant and change the way you look at orchids—and any life form—forever. Maximum of 14 participants.

Travel Notes: This trip takes place in the Andes Mountains where elevations range from 8,000 to 12,000 feet. Travelers may experience physcial challenges. The trails at Wayqecha are moderately rugged and steep. The roads to Wayqecha include narrow dirt roads and steep mountain passes over high elevations.

For fees, reservations, and more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.

Gardens of Bath and Wiltshire with Jane Pepper
June 3 - 13, 2012

Next June PHS returns to England to see wonderful gardens in and around Bath and in the county of Wiltshire. For the first phase of the tour, we will be based in the Georgian elegance of Bath, with its restored Roman baths and fine medieval abbey. From Bath it's a short distance to the limestone gardens of the south Cotswolds and to other gardens in the southwest in Somerset. For the second part of the tour, we'll move to Wiltshire, with its chalk downlands and gentle vales. We will visit Wilton House (built by Inigo Jones in 1647) where the Earl of Pembroke has transformed the gardens over the past 40 years.

The tour will be led by Jane Pepper, accompanied by tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior. We will fly from Philadelphia directly to Heathrow. For more information and a trip brochure, please contact Betsie Blodgett at 215-988-8818 or *bblodgett@pennhort.org*.

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Learn About PHS Tree-Counting Project

Last summer PHS intern Deandra Aversa travelled through neighborhoods all over Philadelphia counting trees planted by PHS over the past eight years (she counted 5,000 trees and estimates that she walked 960 miles over the course of the summer). Aversa used a special handheld device called a "Trimble," which documents each tree's GPS coordinates and enters it into a database. To read more about this project, visit the PHS blog at *PHSonline.org*; click on "News."

Read more stories like this at *PHSonline.org*.

Connect with PHS through Facebook and Twitter and watch videos on our PHS YouTube page.

PHS McLean Library News

McLean Library Book Group Meetings

Our long-running book discussion group "Stories from the Garden" is so popular that we now have two series:

The evening series meets the first Thursday of the month, 5:45 – 7:45 pm. We read and discuss works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land.

The daytime series meets the second Monday of the month, noon – 1:30. This series consists of short stories or non-fiction pieces on gardening or nature themes. Bring your brown-bag lunch and join the discussion.

Both groups meet in the McLean Library, located on the first floor at PHS headquarters, 20th & Arch streets, from October through June (skipping March). Participants should obtain and read each month's selection prior to the meeting. For more information (including reading lists) or to register for a discussion, please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772. See the PHS calendar at *PHSonline.org* for dates/times.

McLean Library Book Sale

Wednesday, October 5, 9:30 am - 5 pm
and Thursday, October 6, 9:30 am - 1 pm

The PHS McLean Library annual book sale offers new gardening books at a discount and used gardening classics at exceptional prices. For extra bargains between 4 and 5 pm, buy as many books as you can fit into a grocery bag for $1! Proceeds of this sale benefit the McLean Library.

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2012 Flower Show Offers New Experiences

March 4 – 11, 2012
Pennsylvania Convention Center

From towering waterfalls and rumbling volcanoes to waves of orchids and tranquil beaches, the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*, will immerse you in the sights, sounds, and scents of America's island paradise.

The Flower Show is the top event of its kind in the nation, and the 2012 Show will be notable for a number of big changes, both on and off the Show floor.

"When people come to the 2012 Flower Show, we want them to feel as if they're coming to the Show for the very first time," says Show designer Sam Lemheney. "We're going to give Flower Show visitors what they expect, but in unexpected ways."

Visitors always expect a spectacular Central Feature exhibit, and this year's display will not disappoint. It will include an overhead multimedia projection that engulfs visitors in moving images of ocean surf and waves of white orchids and anthuriums.

Next, a tropical garden with a contemporary feel leads to "Pele's Garden," which will celebrate the native Hawaiian goddess of the volcano. It will include a 25-foot-tall waterfall draped in tropical plants, vines, and more orchids.

The Showcase Exhibits, staged by major landscape exhibitors, will each interpret different islands in the Hawaiian archipelago. Although most people think of Hawaii as a lush tropical paradise, it actually includes a wide variety of landscapes and climates. The Big Island alone has 13 of the world's 14 climate zones.

Beyond the fascinating exhibits, this year's Flower Show will have a brand new layout. "The major elements are still there, but some are in new locations," says Lemheney. The "Horticourt" has been expanded—Lemheney says there will be more plants than ever. (Anyone can enter; see page 5 for info!)

Ride the wave! The 2012 central feature exhibit includes multimedia projection that will engulf visitors in moving images of ocean surf and waves of orchids.

Visitors will also find more food, refreshments, and seating right on the Show floor. Shoppers will have an easier time finding what they are looking for in the Marketplace, as vendors will be grouped into categories such as gardening tools, outdoor living, and home décor. And in the Grand Hall, the PA Wine & Spirits retail store will return with free tastings, but there will also be more than 40 vendors from Hawaii offering hand-crafted goods, food, flowers, clothing, and more.

So catch the aloha spirit and make your Flower Show plans now. Visit *theflowershow.com* for the latest updates on entertainment, evening events, and other special attractions.

Enchanting Orchids: A PHS Plant Exhibition

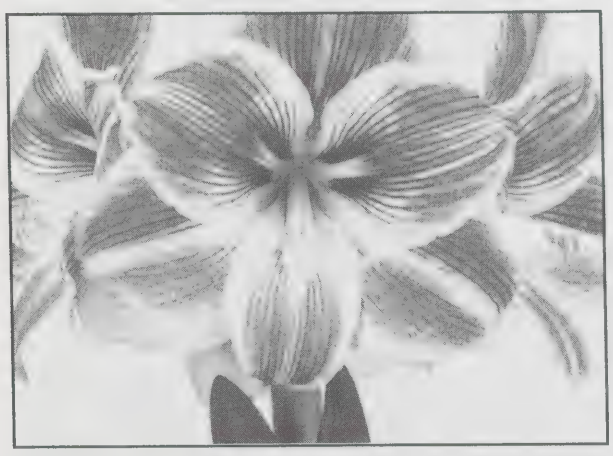
January 23 – February 10, 2012, at the PHS McLean Library | Admission is FREE

Are there any flowers more passionate and mysterious than orchids? Part of the world's largest family of plants, orchids are can be found all over the planet, from steamy jungle habitats to cold mountainous regions.

PHS's *Enchanting Orchids* exhibition will present a wide array of plants, from easy-to-grow *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilums* to exotic *Oncidium* and *Cattleya* varieties. These stunning plants, grown by Flower Show experts, will warm up a cold winter's day and give everyone fresh ideas for growing orchids at home. The exhibition will also get you in the mood for the 2012 Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha.*

One myth is that orchids are fussy and difficult to grow, but as you'll learn at this exhibition, many are quite happy as houseplants and will re-bloom for years on end. During the run of *Enchanting Orchids*, PHS will offer lectures and workshops from orchid experts. Check the calendar at *PHSonline.org* for dates and times.

For more information, call 215-988-8767 or email *pprown@pennhort.org*.



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Flower Show VIP Passes for PHS members.
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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

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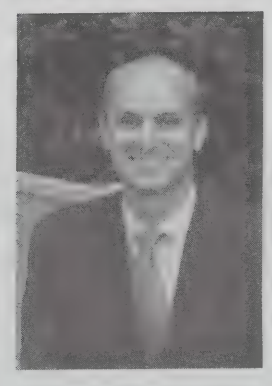

EXPLORING GREAT DESIGN

I love this time of year, right before the short and cold days of winter force us inside. The temperate weekend here and there offers the perfect opportunity to spend time outside making sure my garden is ready for next year.

Although some see it as an interminable chore, I actually like raking leaves. There is nothing like slowing down and getting to see the garden design elements, both manmade (the bluestone fountain I built last summer) and natural (the cinnamon-stick-like bark of mature crape myrtles).

We have been discussing great design at staff meetings recently, and have enjoyed lively conversations about how the late Steve Jobs's focus on elegant and intuitive design made his company forward-thinking and progressive.

In so many ways, PHS has been doing this since 1827, and I am proud to be part of this tradition. Whether it's in our own back yard or in a city park or civic landscape, great design continues to inspire us.

Of course, when someone from PHS mentions design, the Philadelphia International Flower Show comes to mind. Whether you are a major exhibitor, the chair of your garden club's entry, or an individual working on your first arrangement, the Flower Show is all about design. And to ensure that we continue to present top-notch, cutting-edge design every year, we have launched a Flower Show Business Plan that will take the Show to the next level. Recently we held a Flower Show Summit, during which we brought together talented exhibitors and volunteers, business and civic leaders, and other key constituents. It was amazing to share innovative ideas with others who are just as passionate about the Flower Show as we are.

The Flower Show Business Plan and two other important studies related to design that PHS is undertaking (a revitalized website and branding program and the next generation of civic landscapes) would not be possible without a generous two-year grant from the William Penn Foundation. This funding will help PHS think—and more importantly, accomplish—big things in the years to come.

I would love to hear about your ideas for great design. Where would you like PHS to Pop Up next summer, and what you want to see growing? What kind of Flower Show exhibit would knock your socks off? And what are some innovative ways we can transform our civic landscapes?

In the meantime, I want to thank you for all the support you give to PHS in so many meaningful ways. It has been a wonderful year, and I look forward to working with you in 2012.

Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 3
8 am – 6 pm

Don't miss the Holiday Open House at Meadowbrook Farm! Visitors to this year's open house can expect to find the halls of the Meadowbrook estate house decked for the holidays and the gift shop overflowing with evergreen offerings, wreaths, poinsettias, and winter-blooming cyclamens. In addition, cut green arrangements, indoor holiday container gardens, and gift packs containing everything you need to grow amaryllis or paperwhites will help make the season bright.

One day only! At the Holiday Open House, PHS members save 20% on greens, poinsettias, and select holiday gifts. Activities and treats will be offered all day from 10 am to 4 pm, including hot cocoa, s'mores, caroling, and crafts for kids. Come enjoy this wonderful time of the year with us!

MEADOWBROOK FARM

1633 Washington Lane
Abington, PA 19046
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About 20 employees of the Cigna corporation helped PHS staff and neighborhood volunteers plant trees at Cliveden Park, in Philadelphia's Germantown section, in October. The trees were provided by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. If your business or your employer would like to learn about volunteer opportunities for spring 2012, please contact Adrienne Simpson at *asimpson@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8786.

In the Spotlight

Joe Schiavo

Residents of Philadelphia's Old City section may know Joe Schiavo as that guy who, along with his wife, Janet Kalter, totes 300 feet of rubber hose around the neighborhood on hot summer days, watering a network of more than 26 street trees, two large planters, and one full-blown park at 4th and Arch.

The park, called Girard Fountain Park, was locked for over a decade and had fallen into disrepair, but was restored to public use in 2003 thanks to efforts initiated by Joe and Janet, whose latent concern for their neighborhood green spaces has found time to blossom in their retirement. (The couple ran a small Old City lighting business). "We always said that if we ever had the time to [restore the park], we would," says Joe. "Now we hold ourselves responsible for doing some of the things we said we would do."

As leader of a PHS Tree Tenders group in Old City, Joe takes his responsibility seriously, but he also reaps personal rewards. "Plants respond to care," says Joe. "You get pretty immediate feedback on your choices."

Immediacy is a hallmark of how Joe operates. Recently, while attending a Tree Tenders breakfast at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, he noticed that two fountainheads in the Center's large fountain were not working. He realized that he had recently salvaged two of the same type of fountainhead and decided to donate them to the Horticulture Center.

He got in touch with Michael O'Brien of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, who saw to it that the defunct fountainheads got switched out for Joe's replacements. According to Michael, supervisor of the Horticulture Center, the fountain now looks "beautiful!"

Tree Tenders manager Mindy Maslin says it's not unusual for Joe to take the lead when something needs doing. She says he recently helped to pilot PHS's new "Tree Checker" initiative, in which volunteers follow up on newly planted trees.

When he's not tending trees, beautifying parks, and repairing antique fountains, Joe serves on the Central Delaware Advocacy Group board, which has worked with PHS on planning green spaces for the Delaware Riverfront.

Not bad for a guy who says that, five years ago, he "didn't know a lot about plants." But as he drily notes, "If you pay attention, you start to learn stuff."

– Maddie Hoagland-Hanson

Roots to Re-Entry Completes Second Year

The PHS Roots to Re-Entry program recently completed its second year. The innovative program provides job training and placement services to former prison inmates, giving them a chance to develop new skills, gain hands-on landscaping experience, and find employment upon their release. Forty-one men and women have graduated from the program so far, and 36 have been placed or given opportunities with area landscape contractors.

A component of PHS's City Harvest program, Roots to Re-Entry is designed to maximize the chances of job placement for inmates involved in City Harvest and to provide supportive services to help them re-adjust to normal life.

The program recently added a new partnership with Awbury Arboretum in Philadelphia's Germantown section, providing a second work site, in addition to Bartram's Garden, where inmates from the Philadelphia Prison System can receive hands-on landscaping training.

"After you see what you've done," says Roots to Re-Entry graduate Troy Johnson, walking past tidy paths and manicured vistas after a recent project was completed, "the result is just awesome."

All in all, Roots to Re-Entry participants receive 14 to 16 weeks of training, beginning with behavioral workshops at the prison provided by the Mayor's Office of Reintegration Services for Ex-Offenders (RISE). Next they receive training at the prison greenhouse and garden, with a focus on food production and landscape management. Inmates then enter the hands-on landscaping phase, receiving lessons on tool and equipment use and maintenance, safe practices, plant identification, and turf management.

"Throughout the landscaping phase, participants continue to receive job-readiness education, as well as assistance from a life coach," explains PHS's Francis Lawn, who oversees the program. In addition, RISE provides up to a year of follow-up social support services beginning at the time the trainee is paroled.

PHS and partners are working to create a network of employers in the landscaping industry to identify and secure job placement opportunities for the graduates. If you would like more information, please contact Francis Lawn at *flawn@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8764.

Roots to Re-Entry Partners and Funders

- The Brickman Group
- Job Opportunity Investment Network
- KJK Associates
- Liberty Tree & Landscape Management
- Mayor's Office of Reintegration Services for Ex-Offenders (RISE)
- Moon Site Management
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- Philadelphia Foundation
- Philadelphia Prison System
- The Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation

The PHS Pops Up garden was put to bed on October 24 with a celebration of all that was accomplished on the temporary garden at 20th & Market streets. Shown here at the closing ceremony are Chris Cashman of Independence Blue Cross; Christopher Corr from Brandywine Realty Trust; Jeff Guaracino of the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation; Steveanna Wynn, director of City Harvest partner SHARE; and PHS president Drew Becher.

PHS "popped up" in Logan Square with 12 carousel animals that appeared in the 2011 Flower Show. The collection was a big hit with residents, downtown workers, and tourists.

PHS's Impact in 2011

PHS provided benefits to thousands of residents throughout the region. We expanded vital programs and introduced new projects in 2011 that create greener, healthier communities. Here are some highlights:

- **City Harvest**
  City Harvest produced **120,000 pounds** of produce for donation to area food cupboards. The food was grown **in 45 community gardens**, and **1,000 families** in need benefitted each week during the growing season.
- A component of City Harvest, **Roots to Re-Entry** added a new location, Awbury Arboretum, for landscaping training for former prison inmates.
- **PHS Pops Up**
  City Harvest and other PHS programs, including Gold Medal plants and educational programs, were showcased in the Pops Up garden at 20th and Market streets. The long-vacant lot was transformed into an urban oasis that attracted **6,000 visitors** and produced 600 pounds of food from mid-June through October. The garden engaged more than **150 volunteers**.
- The life of the Flower Show was extended at the Pops Up sites, with exhibits re-created at the garden and on Logan Square, where nine carousel animal sculptures were placed in the landscape.
- **Green Machine**
  The PHS Green Machine program helped volunteer "friends" groups in **14 neighborhood parks** by offering mobile workshops, materials and supplies, and hands-on assistance for gardening projects.
- **Trees**
  The Plant One Million campaign was launched, and **118,767** trees were planted in the first year of this multi-state, multi-year program covering 13 counties in the Philadelphia region.
- The Tree Tenders program trained **408 new volunteers** and the network grew to **3,800** volunteers who are central to the Plant One Million campaign.
- **Vacant Land**
  The Philadelphia LandCare program has cleaned up more than **7.2 million square feet** of vacant urban land to date, and more than **780,000 square feet** of this land has been redeveloped or turned into permanent green space.
- **Public Landscapes**
  This year saw the completion of a major garden renovation of the garden at the Rodin Museum, a partnership with the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation.

Growing the Future of PHS

Help Grow School Gardening in Philadelphia

PHS needs your help to meet a new challenge grant awarded by the Hamilton Family Foundation. We are seeking contributions from individuals and family foundations to support the Green City Teachers program, which helps Philadelphia educators establish school gardens and integrate horticultural education into their classrooms.

The Hamilton Family Foundation has pledged $10,000, which will be awarded when PHS raises an equal amount in new or increased support. Your donation will bring the many benefits of gardening and horticulture to Philadelphia schoolchildren. For more information, please contact Michelle Nicoletto at *mnicoletto@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8762.

The PHS Green City Teachers program helps teachers integrate horticulture education into their classrooms.

SAVE THE DATE
Flower Show Preview Party

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Mark your calendar for the 2012 Flower Show Preview Party on Saturday evening, March 3, beginning at 6 pm. Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as you stroll through the fabulous exhibits of *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. Then join us for an elegant dinner in the Grand Ballroom.

This is the only evening preview event to see the Flower Show before it opens to the public. Don't miss one of Philadelphia's most elegant and fun black-tie parties! **All party proceeds benefit PHS and its greening programs**. For more information, please contact Ellen Wheeler at *ewheeler@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8830 or visit *theflowershow.com*.

PHS Receives Gift from FMC Corporation

Grant will support Plant One Million

FMC Corporation recently committed $10,000 to Plant One Million, a multi-state tree planting campaign. A regional partnership led by five organizations including PHS, Plant One Million aims to restore the region's tree canopy by planting one million trees in 13 counties in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Plant One Million will also educate people throughout the region on how to nurture trees in their communities and on private residences. PHS is grateful to the FMC Corporation for supporting this initiative, which will have a long-term impact on the environment and quality of life in our region. For more on Plant One Million, or to make a donation, please visit *PlantOneMillion.org*.

Membership News

NEW IN 2012

PHS Members Exclusive!

Flower Show Members VIP Pass

for current PHS members only

As a PHS Member, making a return trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show has never been easier. With the new **Members VIP Pass** you can make unlimited visits Monday through Friday, plus enter the Show early on Thursday, March 8! If you've always wanted to see more and do more, here's your chance. This is a limited offer available on a first-come, first-served basis. Purchase yours now by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832, or purchase online at *pennhort.net/memberspass*

- Must be an active Household or Leadership level member to purchase
- Optional 9 am entry on Thursday, March 8 (one hour before Show opens to the public)
- Pass valid Monday, March 5 through Friday, March 9
- Non-transferable and limited number of VIP Passes issued

Adult Members VIP Pass: $100 per person
Child Members VIP Pass (ages 2-16): $70 per person

Flower Show Tickets & Membership Renewal

Member tickets for the 2012 Flower Show will be mailed in February. To avoid delays in receiving your tickets, we encourage you to renew your membership as early as possible if it is due to expire within the next few months.

You can renew your membership at any time by visiting our website, *PHSonline.org*, and clicking on "Membership," or by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832.

Because of the large volume of memberships with upcoming expiration dates, we have partnered with **ComNet Marketing Group**, which will make phone calls on our behalf to assist with membership renewals. If you do not wish to be contacted by phone, we encourage you to respond to our mail or e-mail renewal reminder as early as possible. We greatly appreciate your assistance and continued interest in PHS!

Get Ready for the 2012 Flower Show

Share Your Photos of Hawaii on the Flower Show Blog

Get into the spirit of *aloha* by visiting the Flower Show blog at *theflowershowblog.wordpress.com*. There you can read Flower Show designer Sam Lemheney's dispatches from his travels through Hawaii in preparation for the 2012 Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*.

If you have traveled to Hawaii, please share your own memories and photographs with us! We want to see your best vacation photos of tropical flowers, inspiring sunsets, smiling people, and more. And if you have stories to share, authentic recipes to recommend, or videos of your adventures, we want those too! The best will be featured on the Flower Show blog in the months leading up to the Show. Please send your submissions by email to *aberezowska@pennhort.org*.

Yes, You Can Enter the Flower Show!

Anyone can enter the Philadelphia International Flower Show. You don't have to be an expert grower or a member of a garden club, and there are several classes for beginners. The Flower Show Exhibitor's Guide will give you all the information you need to enter the show. The guide other instructions for specific classes can be downloaded from the Flower Show website exhibits page (*theflowershow.com/Exhibits/ccinfo.html*). To request printed copies, please send your name and address to Exhibitor's Guide, Shows Department, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 100 N. 20th St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495, or e-mail *fsguide@pennhort.org*.

If you are interested in the Artistic Classes, plan to attend one of several fun workshops in January. Workshops are free and open to Flower Show exhibitors as well as arrangers who want to learn about entering the Show. No reservations are required. Workshops will be held in Penllyn, PA, at the Lower Gwynedd Township Park Building in Penllyn Woods. Check the PHS calendar at *PHSonline.org* for dates and topics or contact Betty Greene for more information: *bgreene@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8826.

PHS Offers Ideas for the Gift-Giving Season

Dazzle Your Friends with a PHS Membership

PHS membership is an incredible value and makes a great holiday gift for the gardeners on your shopping list. Purchase a Household or Leadership level membership, and for an additional $15* we will include an Amaryllis bulb, 'Razzle Dazzle', beautifully packaged in an organza bag. This gift can be mailed directly to the recipient or delivered to you for presentation.

'Razzle Dazzle' produces 1 to 2 stems per bulb and 3 to 4 blooms per stem. Marble white blooms with russet-red striations and a pale green center make this variety of Amaryllis simply dazzling!

Gift memberships can be purchased online at *PHSonline.org* (click on "Membership") or by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. **To ensure delivery in time for the holidays, orders must be received by December 14, 2011.**

*Shipping and handling included.

Send a Friend to the Flower Show

Send your family and friends to the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha,* running March 4 through 11, 2012 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. It's easier than ever to purchase Flower Show tickets. **Convenient, print-at-home tickets can be personalized for holiday giving.** Just visit *theflowershow.com.*

Tea for Two at the Flower Show

Once you've purchased your Flower Show tickets, treat your family and friends to a lovely **Garden Tea** at the Show. They will enjoy serene and elegant surroundings with soothing music and elegant flowers. A light menu of petit sandwiches, pastries, fruit and an assortment of fine teas will enhance any visitor's Flower Show experience. Visit *pennhort.net/gardentea* to purchase your Garden Tea tickets. For more information, email *teas@pennhort.org*.

Show You Care with a PHS Tribute Gift

What do you give to garden lovers on your holiday list who have everything? How about a charitable gift to PHS made in their honor? Help PHS programs take root, grow, and thrive, improving lives for thousands of people throughout our region.

To make a tribute gift for the holidays, please contact the Development department at 215-988-8894 or *giving@pennhort.org*. Your gift recipient will receive a card to notify him or her of your contribution. **To ensure delivery in time for the holidays, all contributions must be received by December 16, 2011.** (Tribute gifts are 100% tax deductible.)

Give a Tree through Plant One Million

Gifts to PHS for the Plant One Million campaign are a wonderful way to honor family and friends while helping to restore the region's tree canopy. Your donation of any amount in honor of a loved one will support tree plantings throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region and are 100-percent tax deductible. For gifts of $100 or more, PHS will send a beautiful certificate to each recipient, letting them know of this special gift made in their honor.

To make a tree gift, please visit *PlantOneMillion.org* or contact the Development department at 215-988-8894 or *giving@pennhort.org*. **To ensure certificate delivery in time for the holidays, all contributions must be received by December 16, 2011.**

Please visit *PHSonline.org* for additional PHS gift ideas.

Education Programs

SAVE TIME—REGISTER ONLINE!

You can register for many PHS programs online at *www.pennhort.net/eventregistration.*

MEMBER PRICING ONLINE

To take advantage of member pricing when registering online, you must **create a PHS user account on our website**. In addition to receiving special member pricing, a user account lets you update your contact information, access your giving history, indicate your interests, and renew your membership all in one convenient place! New user accounts may take up to 24 hours to be activated. If you have not already done so, you can create a user account by visiting *www.pennhort.net/myaccount*.

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 North 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Evening Lecture: Waking up in Eden

Thursday, February 9, 6 pm

Begin your Hawaiian Flower Show reveries early with an evening lecture by former *Philadelphia Inquirer* writer **Lucinda Fleeson** about her adventure living and working at the National Tropical Botanical Garden on Hawaii's island of Kauai. In her book, *Waking up in Eden,* Fleeson describes how native plants are dying at an astonishing rate—Hawaii is called the extinction capital of the world—and how invasive species (plants, animals, and humans) have imperiled this Garden of Eden. She has accompanied a plant hunter into the rain forest to find the last of a dying species, descended into limestone caves with a paleontologist who deconstructs island history through fossil life, and shadowed a botanical pioneer who propagates rare seeds hoping to reclaim the landscape. As she witnessed the island's plant renewal efforts, she saw her own life blossom.

Lucinda Fleeson began her journalism career a photographer and eventually abandoned the camera for a typewriter. At the *Philadelphia Inquirer* she wrote hundreds of news articles, features, and investigative stories on a range of topics. She lived on Kauai for two years. Currently she directs a program for international journalists at the University of Maryland College of Journalism and teaches writing and reporting.

This lecture will coincide with the closing event of the orchid exhibit in the McLean Library. Registration will begin in the Library at 5 pm, and a wine and cheese reception and book signing will follow the lecture in the Library. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non members.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. Register online at *www.pennhort.org/eventregistration*, or fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may also register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) PHS retains a $5 cancellation fee.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Abington Township, PA

Workshop: WAIT LIST ONLY
Make Your Own Succulent Wreath

Thursday, December 1, 10 am – noon

Here's a fine alternative to the traditional Christmas wreath. Impress your friends and family with a charming outdoor living wreath you design and create yourself. **Kathryn Reber** will demonstrate how to use succulent plants, such as sedums and sempervivums, to fill a 12-inch frame filled with soil and moss. The finished creation can hang outside in the winter and then be used as a table centerpiece or hung on your patio or garden gate in the spring and summer. **Limit: 20. Fee: $50 PHS Members, $60 non-members.**

Workshop:
Deck the Halls, Mantles, and Ceilings!

Thursday, December 8, 10 am – noon

Bring some green to your mantle, stairway banister, or tabletop for the holidays! Learn the tricks of the florist trade from Meadowbrook Farm's **Tom Reber**. He will demonstrate how to make roping, wreaths, ornaments, topiaries, swags, and more from plants you may have in your own yard. Then you will create a boxwood kissing ball that will last a long time indoors. Don't miss this festive, hands-on event! Please bring scissors, hand pruners, and gloves. **Limit: 25. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.**

Workshop: Glass Bowl Terrarium Garden

Saturday, January 21, 1 – 3 pm

In the depths of winter, what could be better than to brighten your home with a lush, green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure requires special attention. But once assembled, your mini plant world is easy to care for, requiring minimal pruning and limited watering. You may either bring your own terrarium container or purchase one at the workshop, which will be led by Meadowbrook's **Brandon Huber**. We will provide soil and moss and an assortment of small plants suitable for terrariums. **Limit: 20. Fee: $25 members, $35 non-members.**

Walk:
The Rare Beauty of the Winter Landscape

Saturday, January 28, 1 – 3 pm
(Snow Date: February 4, 1 – 3 pm)

Tom Reber will discuss aspects of winter interest in the garden, particularly with reference to trees, shrubs, and perennials. We will tour the perennial gardens at Meadowbrook in their winter form, including a woodland path and the winter scenery around the late Mr. Liddon Pennock's estate. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 PHS members, $23 non-members.**

Evening Lecture: The Secrets of Forcing Plants for the Flower Show

Wednesday, February 1, 6 pm

Since 1982 **John Story** has been the brains behind the art and science of convincing plants of all kinds to bloom in harmony at a time of the year when they all would rather be asleep. Join us for this special evening event in the lovely setting of Liddon Pennock's former living room at Meadowbrook Farm. John will describe what it takes to get plants to the Show, including initial planning, equipment, growing details, special arrangements for certain items, shipping, and wrap-up. His talk will be sprinkled throughout with war stories from thirty years of Flower Shows. The presentation will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. (Come back on February 22 for a tour of the greenhouses full of plants for 2012.) **Fee: $10 PHS members, $20 non members.**

Tour: Flower Show Sneak Peek

Wednesday, February 22
Choose either 10 am – noon or 1 – 3 pm

How do all those out-of-season plants bloom just in time for the Philadelphia International Flower Show? It's a combination of art and science, and it has its joys and challenges. The magic happens at Meadowbrook Farm. Join **John Story** and staff as they lead a tour through the greenhouses, highlighting the unusual plants being

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

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Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee:	$

Name:_____ Member ID#: _____

Name of guest (if any):_____

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City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

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Donation amount: _____ **(select payment method above).**

grown for displays at the 2012 Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. You will see these plants first at Meadowbrook and learn the fascinating, intricate details that are part of this amazing horticultural balancing act. Light refreshments will be served after the tour. **Fee: $18 PHS members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE

140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

Evening Lecture: Lady Londonderry's Enduring Legacy at Mount Stewart

Monday, December 5, 6:30 pm

The garden at Mount Stewart is a beloved National Trust property in Northern Ireland, but the garden owes much of its mystery, magic, and artistry to its creator, Edith Vane-Tempest-Stewart, Marchioness of Londonderry. "Lady Londonderry" was a self-taught and passionate gardener who first came to Mount Stewart in 1915. By 1940, Lady Londonderry had completely transformed the plain lawns into a beautiful formal garden resembling an Italian landscape. She used the wilderness and beauty of Strangford Loch as a dramatic backdrop by cutting a vista through to the man-made Sea Plantation, where she created a sea-front paradise with a swimming pool, a Mediterranean garden, a rotating summer house, and a boardwalk leading out to the deeper water.

Mike Buffin will explore the early landscape of the garden at Mt. Stewart and focus on the unique influences of Lady Londonderry and her creative style. Buffin will also discuss the National Trust's role in caring for the garden since 1957 and the work currently underway to restore the garden to highlight Lady Londonderry's remarkable legacy.

Mike Buffin is a gardens and parks adviser for the National Trust and provides technical advice for historic gardens and parks in London, Southeast England, and Northern Ireland.

There will be a reception sponsored by Freeman's Auctioneers and Appraisers at 6 pm. An optional dinner follows the lecture. Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by December 2. Co-sponsored by PHS, the Royal Oak Foundation, and the Union League of Philadelphia. **Formal business attire required.**

Fees: lecture only: $25. Lecture and dinner: $75 members and guests. Registration is required through the Royal Oak Foundation. Please call Robert Dennis at 212-480-2889, ext. 201 or visit *royal-oak.org*.

IN THE GARDEN

Parkside Orchids, Ottsville, PA

Demonstration: An Introduction to Growing Orchids in the Home

Wednesday, December 14, 10 am – noon

This presentation will introduce you to the most popular genera of orchids and highlights those best suited for home growing. We will explore growth requirements and natural habitat and briefly review plant structure. Beware, once you start you may find orchid growing to be an addiction! **John Salventi** of Parkside Orchids will be our guide. Directions will be mailed with confirmation of your registration. Please let us know if you would like to order a boxed lunch to enjoy after the program. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 PHS members, $23 non members. Boxed lunch: $15.**

FREE LECTURE SERIES

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor two multi-session courses, *Tropical Botany and Ecology* and *Agricultural Science and Policy*. These courses are free and open to the public and will be held in the PHS Auditorium. Registered students will receive a syllabus with reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement. **For information on pre-registration, please see the Wagner's website (*wagnerfreeinstitute.org/adulteducation*) or call 215-763-6529 ext. 13.**

Tropical Botany and Ecology

Tuesday, January 17, then five Mondays: January 23 – February 20, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

Think Hawaii, and the Philadelphia International Flower Show! Taught by **Dr. Karen Snetselaar**, this course will provide an introduction to the diversity and ecological role of plants in tropical ecosystems. Topics will include characteristics of different types of tropical forests, adaptations of specific plants, and interactions between tropical plants and animals. We'll also discuss the implications of human exploitation of tropical rain forests and current conservation practices.

Dr. Karen Snetselaar is professor of biology and chair of the biology department at Saint Joseph's University. She has been a member of the faculty of the Wagner Free Institute of Science since 2000.

Agricultural Science and Policy

Six Mondays: March 26 – April 30, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

This course, taught by **Dr. David Hewitt**, will provide scientific background to understand current issues in agricultural and food policy. Subjects will include ecology, physiology (plant and animal), genetics, and molecular/cell biology. It will also include discussion of fertilizer production, nutrient management, seed production, and biotechnology, as well as other topics.

Dr. David Hewitt is a botany research associate at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. His work has included botanical surveys, mycological studies, and the history of botany, among other areas.

PHS GARDENING SERIES

PHS Gardening Series **events are free unless otherwise noted.** For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Natural Holiday Decorations

Monday, December 5, 6 – 7 pm

Tacony Branch, Free Library of Philadelphia
6742 Torresdale Avenue
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TRAVEL WITH PHS

PHS Travels to the Amazon: Orchids of Peru

April 9 – 18, 2012

Machu Picchu will be included on the Amazon tour.

Join fellow PHS members for a unique opportunity to experience Peru in search of orchids, history, and the breathtaking natural scenery of the Amazon Basin. Co-sponsored by the ACEER Foundation and West Chester University, this trip will include visits to the sophisticated city of Lima; the remote research station of Wayqecha; the Manu Cloud Forest; the sacred city of Machu Picchu; and Cusco, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the western hemisphere. John Salventi of Parkside Orchids and Chela Kleiber of PHS will accompany the group.

Peru is home to more than 2,000 species of orchids, with many more likely to be discovered. Orchids are the biological indicators of cloud forests and rain forests. With their complex requirements, they are also one of the first plants to suffer from subtle changes in their environment, and they serve as potent indicators of unwelcome changes in nature. This trip will raise your awareness of the wild habitats of this captivating plant and change the way you look at orchids—and any life form—forever. Maximum of 14 participants.

For fees, reservations, and more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.

Gardens of Bath and Wiltshire with Jane Pepper – *Only a few spaces left!*

June 3 - 13, 2012

Next June PHS returns to England to see wonderful gardens in and around Bath and in the county of Wiltshire. For the first phase of the tour, we will be based in the Georgian elegance of Bath, with its restored Roman baths and fine medieval abbey. From Bath it's a short distance to the limestone gardens of the south Cotswolds and to other gardens in the southwest in Somerset. For the second part of the tour, we'll move to Wiltshire, with its chalk downlands and gentle vales. We will visit Wilton House (built by Inigo Jones in 1647) where the Earl of Pembroke has transformed the gardens over the past 40 years.

The tour will be led by Jane Pepper, accompanied by tour organizers Ann and Colin Senior. We will fly from Philadelphia directly to Heathrow. For information and a trip brochure, please contact Betsie Blodgett at 215-988-8818 or *bblodgett@pennhort.org*.

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New Tree Videos at *PlantOneMillion.org*

Visit the **Plant One Million** website to see a new series of four information-packed videos on how to care for newly planted trees. The videos, which cover watering, mulching, weeding, protecting, and pruning, will help you nurture your new tree after you do your part and plant "one in a million." To learn more about Plant One Million, a multi-state campaign to plant one million trees, please visit *PlantOneMillion.org*. Click on "Tend" to watch the videos, or watch them on the PHS YouTube page.

Read more stories like this at *PHSonline.org*.

PHS Tube

Connect with PHS through Facebook and Twitter and watch videos on our PHS YouTube page.

Flower Show Receives Awards

The Philadelphia Internaional Flower Show received five awards from the International Festivals and Events Association for the 2011 presentation, *Springtime in Paris*. The Show was honored in a variety of programming and promotional categories. The prizes included a Gold Award for the design of the gardening apron produced exclusively for the Flower Show, and a Silver Award for the PHS community outreach program, Plant One Million, the multi-state campaign to restore the Philadelphia region's tree canopy.

The professional competition draws entries from around the world. Winners were announced at the IFEA/Haas & Wilkerson Pinnacle Awards Ceremony held during the association's annual convention and expo in Fort Worth, Texas, in October.

View the PHS Annual Report Online

Read the 2011 PHS Annual Report at *PHSonline.org*. The Annual Report contains stories about the past year's accomplishments, including Philadelphia Green projects, educational initiatives, a financial report, and more. You can print the report from the website, but if you would like to PHS to send you a copy, please contact the Publications department at 215-988-8768.

PHS Launches E-Newsletter

Many of you have received the new **PHS E-News** in your inbox. If you haven't received the e-newsletter, make sure we have your current email address on file. You can create or update your PHS profile and manage your communications from PHS by logging in at *www.pennhort.net/myaccount*. (Note: Please add *PHS-Info@pennhort.org* to your address book to ensure safe passage through your SPAM filter.)

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The Flower Show is Almost Here!

Hawaii: Islands of Aloha

March 4 – 11, 2012 | Pennsylvania Convention Center

Catch the Wave! The 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show will offer a tropical experience blending cutting-edge technology with the natural beauty and rich culture of the Hawaiian Islands. Guests will have fun, learn, and be wowed by fabulous exhibits, real-time floral competitions, renowned speakers, and a new layout. The Show offers a wide array of special attractions and experiences, so plan to spend the day or visit more than once! See inside for more information and check *theflowershow.com/Attractions* for updates.

New this Year! Designer's Studio
Watch amateur and professional floral designers create artful arrangements before your eyes! The Designer's Studio will be located near the back of Hall A. Visitors can vote for their favorites.

Educational Programs
Gardeners of all skill levels will find an ocean of ideas in the 150 free presentations held throughout the week, as well as dozens of educational displays that explore the latest gardening techniques and trends.

Celebrity Appearances
Television star, author, and chef Bethenny Frankel, one of the original five "housewives" featured on the Bravo reality series "The Real Housewives of New York City," will appear in the Wine & Spirits Shop in the Grand Hall on Saturday, March 10. Ms. Frankel will personally sign bottles of her Skinnygirl Margarita mix.

Theme Days & Nights
Special themed activities are scheduled all week, including a visit from the Lorax in the Family Lounge, sponsored by Einstein Healthcare Network. See page 5 for details.

Food & Drink
Foodies love the culinary demonstrations by some of the finest chefs in the region, sponsored by *Organic Gardening* magazine, as well as the Free Wine Tastings presented by the PA Wine & Spirits Store in the Grand Hall. This year visitors will also find more food offerings in the exhibit hall.

Shopping
The Flower Show is a shopper's paradise, starting with an array of take-home products in the Marketplace, reorganized this year to make it easier to find exactly what you're looking for. You can also buy gorgeous plants at the Meadowbrook Farm Store and wonderful gifts at the official PHS Flower Show Shop. This year there will also be a Hawaii Village with over 40 vendors offering authentic crafts and products in the Grand Hall.

GMR Design
The Hawaii Village will include more than 40 vendors from Hawaii.

Entertainment
Entertainers from Hawaii will offer authentic hula dancing, music, and craft demonstrations. Performances will take place six times daily on the Central Feature main stage and will include projected images and movies of Pele and Hawaii.

Early Morning Tours
Get the VIP treatment at the Flower Show by signing up for a special tour in the morning before public hours begin. Tours are held Monday through Friday, March 5 to 9. Individuals and groups can make reservations by contacting PHS at *earlymorningtours@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775, or by visiting *theflowershow.com*.

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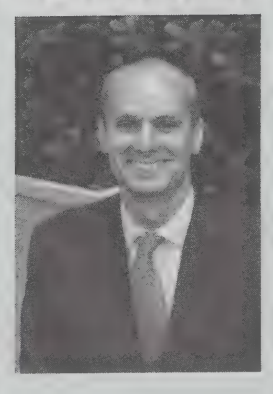
Orchid Sale at PHS

McLean Library
Thursday, February 9
9 am – 8:30 pm

In conjunction with the *Enchanting Orchids* exhibition in the PHS McLean Library, PHS will hold an orchid sale on Thursday, February 9. Orchids from Meadowbrook Farm will be available for sale in the Library from 9 am until 8:30 pm. Then at 6 pm, enjoy a lecture by writer Lucinda Fleeson, who spent two years living and working at the National Tropical Botanical Garden on Hawaii's island of Kauai. See page 6 for more information on the lecture.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.



Getting Ready for a Spectacular Flower Show

A belated Happy New Year! I hope that 2012 has gotten off to a good start for all of you. When I have a few spare moments, I love to linger in the winter landscape and to see my hydrangeas, with their papery flower heads still brown and beautiful, and to watch the cardinals and robins feasting on the holly berries.

Here at PHS, however, this time of year is anything but slow and contemplative, as we start counting down to the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show, scheduled for March 4 through 11, with the PHS Members' Preview on Saturday, March 3. Both at our Philadelphia offices and at Meadowbrook Farm, staff and volunteers are getting ready for *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. If you haven't had a sneak peek yet, I encourage you to visit our Flower Show website, *theflowershow.com*, and watch our special video that will be sure to have you donning a lei and dancing the hula.

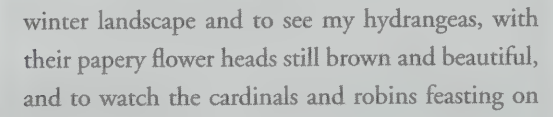
The first thing you'll notice once you get to the Flower Show is a new floor plan that creates exciting design opportunities. Sam Lemheney, PHS's senior vice president of Shows and Events, promises, "It will feel like you're visiting the Flower Show for the very first time."

I am very excited about the new Designer's Studio, which will capture the drama and excitement as competitors in the Show's artistic classes vie twice a day in a live floral design challenge. Audience members will be able to participate in the judging process, which will add to the interactive fun of this new Show experience. Two terrific volunteers—Melinda Moritz and Francesca Northrup—are working with Bill Schaffer, owner of Schaffer Designs, to coordinate the Studio.

You will start seeing PHS incorporate other new features as we continue to develop our Flower Show Business Plan. We held a three-day summit in November, during which volunteers, donors, designers, exhibitors, and many others in our Flower Show "family" envisioned future themes and events. A new "man cave" at the 2012 Flower Show is just one of the ideas that this group discussed at the summit, and we look forward to unveiling it in March.

We are grateful to the William Penn Foundation for its generous two-year grant to support this work, as well as two other important components: civic landscapes and branding, which includes plans for a revamped website.

As always, I love to hear your great ideas about how PHS can continue to improve the Flower Show experience. You can reach me at *dbecher@pennhort.org*, and of course, I look forward to seeing you at the Show!



Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Visit the Meadowbrook Store at the Flower Show and Order Vegetable Plants!

The popular Meadowbrook Farm Store returns to the Flower Show in 2012. Those hoping to bring home a bit of the Flower Show magic will be able to choose from a large inventory of top-notch plants, including Meadowbrook specialties such as succulents and terrariums, and the knowledgeable Meadowbrook staff will be on hand to help answer any gardening questions.

New this year! Show visitors can place orders for vegetable seeds and starts at the Meadowbrook Farm Store! Meadowbrook Farm has partnered with Seed Savers Exchange, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and sharing heirloom seeds. At the 2012 Flower Show, Meadowbrook will begin offering vegetable transplants for purchase through a pre-order website available at the Meadowbrook Farm Store at the Show. Orders will be available for pickup at Meadowbrook Farm, in Abington, PA, in April for spring crops and in May for summer crops—just in time for planting in your home garden!

But you don't even have to attend the Flower Show to order vegetable transplants. You can also pre-order online at *meadowbrookfarm.org*.

Meadowbrook Farm's Barrett Robinson says, "The Flower Show is the perfect venue to show the gardening community what we're all about. I hope Flower Show visitors not only stop by the Store, but come see us at Meadowbrook throughout the year, too."

MEADOWBROOK FARM

1633 Washington Lane
Abington, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*

Let the "FlowerShow" App Be Your Guide to the 2012 Show

The 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show mobile application for smartphone users is your personal guide to this year's presentation, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. The new app, called "FlowerShow," provides maps of the exhibition hall at the Pennsylvania Convention Center; a calendar of events; schedules of performances, lectures, and demonstrations; lists of exhibitors and vendors; show trivia; and more. Users also will be able to vote for contestants in the Designer's Studio competitions and the People's Choice Award for best exhibits.

The FlowerShow app will be available on or about February 20. It can be used on iPhone, iPad, or Android phones and can be downloaded from the iTunes store or Android app store. It will also be available as a Mobile web application on smartphones with web browsers. The App will also be available on any desktop or laptop.

With the FlowerShow app, you can create a personal schedule by saving favorite educational sessions to attend. You will also be able to save favorite exhibitors or vendors to visit at the Show and to have as a reference afterward.

In the Spotlight

Joe Marano

Long-time volunteers at the Flower Show are familiar with the smiling face of Joe Marano. He's been volunteering at the Show in various roles since 1986. It's a family affair for Joe. He started out helping his mother, who was once in charge of "passing"—those are the people who check plant entries to make sure they conform to the rules.

Actually, Joe's history with the Flower Show dates back to the early 1970s. "I was four years old and both my parents and my two sisters would enter plants," he recalls. "As a family, we always helped my mom, who when she exhibited, won many trophies, including the "Far Out Cactus" cup and both the Sweepstakes and Grand Sweepstakes. In 1977, my family won a PHS Gold Medal Certificate for our work as a family. I think this was the first time a family and not an individual was awarded this honor."

Of course, flowers play a huge role in the life of Joe's extended family. For over 50 years they have owned and operated Marano Gardens, a successful garden center in Fort Washington, PA. "We specialize in heirloom tomatoes and chili peppers, as well as succulents," Joe says. "My wife and three sons are involved in growing the plants as well."

At the Flower Show this year, Joe plays a key role as Chair of the Competitive Classes. He's working closely with PHS staff, exhibitors, and all the Competitive Class committee members to manage this popular section of the Show from soup to nuts. "It's an extremely important job and requires someone who knows all aspects of the Flower Show very well," says PHS's Betty Greene, coordinator for Flower Show volunteers. "And Joe is fabulous to work with."

Joe loves interacting with everyone at the Show. "My favorite part of the job is working with the exhibitors and solving their problems in order to make their experience and time at the Show more positive and less stressful," he says.

"It's always amazing to see the beautiful plants come in and then see the stagers arrange them so that they looked stunning in the display beds," he continues. "I realized I enjoy the challenge of arranging new entries on a regular basis without knowing exactly what was going to arrive. The chaos of arranging the display beds before the judging really appeals to me."

Joe has also exhibited his own plants at the Show from time to time, and now that family tradition seems likely to continue: "I'm proud to say my middle son, Nick, has exhibited for the past three years and even won a blue ribbon in a cactus class!"

PHS Flower Show Exhibit to Celebrate Vegetable Gardening

Whether you are an expert gardener or a newcomer to vegetable gardening, this year's PHS Exhibit at the Flower Show is sure to get you inspired! The exhibit will showcase the latest and most innovative vegetable gardening trends and techniques, including a giant "lettuce wall," an overhead trellis growing edible plants, and a fragrance wall. You'll find all kinds of clever ideas for growing vegetables and herbs and for integrating edibles into your ornamental garden.

The PHS exhibit will also call attention to our City Harvest project. Through City Harvest, inmates of the Philadelphia Prison System start seedlings at a prison greenhouse that are then grown to maturity in community gardens throughout Philadelphia. The resulting produce is distributed to food cupboards. City Harvest helps make fresh vegetables more accessible in urban neighborhoods.

The PHS exhibit will be located on the Show floor near the PHS Shop and Meadowbrook Farm Store. See you there!

The PHS exhibit will include a "lettuce wall."

Paul Tukey and Victoria Rowell will speak at the Flower Show.

Special Event at Gardener's Studio

Sunday, March 11, 1 pm – 2:45 pm

Paul Tukey, an advocate for chemical-free lawn care, along with actress and author Victoria Rowell, will conduct an interactive "double session" at the Gardener's Studio at the Flower Show. The session is called "Lawn Games for Life: Get Off the Couch & Get Back Outside!" Following the presentation, which will include audience participation and a demonstration of the classic game Quoits (similar to horseshoes), the authors will sign copies of their soon-to-be-released book, *Tag, Toss & Run: 40 Classic Lawn Games*, which will be available at book stores on April 7.

BECOME A PHS TREE TENDER!

Spring Training Sessions

Through its Tree Tenders® program, PHS offers hands-on training for residents of the five-county Philadelphia region. The training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care, and working within your community. No experience necessary.

This training qualifies for Act 48 Professional Development credits for teachers, and ISA credits for certified arborists. **Fee: $25. To register, please visit *pennhort.net/treetenders.***

Montgomery County
Three Tuesdays: April 10, 17 & 24, 6 – 9 pm
Meadowbrook Farm
1633 Washington Lane
Abington, PA 19046
Information: Barley Van Clief, *bvanclief@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8793

Philadelphia
Three Thursdays: May 3, 10 & 17, 5:45 – 8:45 pm
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100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor
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Information: Mindy Maslin, *mmaslin@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8844

Follow Tree Tenders on Twitter!

Attention Tree Tenders students and alumni, stay connected by following the new **PHS Tree Twitters**! Sign up for the Twitter feed for application deadlines, activity updates, and region-specific tree-care tips. Subscribe at *twitter.com/TreeTenders.*

Recent Grants to PHS

We are pleased to announce the following grants to support PHS initiatives:

The **Forrest C. and Frances Lattner Foundation** recently awarded PHS $50,000 for the City Harvest Growers Alliance program. This is the foundation's third year of support for this program, which is creating a network of entrepreneurial food growers and resource centers to increase the availability of fresh food for Philadelphia residents.

JP Morgan Chase announced it will award PHS $20,000 for its City Harvest and Roots to Re-Entry programs. City Harvest grows and donates fresh vegetables to area food cupboards. The related program, Roots to Re-Entry, provides training in landscaping and gardening to former prison inmates.

Verizon awarded PHS $15,000 to implement a new school-based tree education and planting project that will teach students at a Philadelphia-area school about trees and engage families in planting trees at their homes. The program helps support Plant One Million, a multi-state tree-planting campaign.

Get Ready for the 2012 Flower Show

Buy Tickets Now for the 2012 Flower Show Preview Party

Saturday, March 3, 6 pm

Don't miss one of Philadelphia's most elegant and fun black-tie parties—the only evening event to see the Flower Show before it opens! Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as you stroll through the fabulous exhibits of *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha.* Then join us for dinner in the Grand Ballroom.

All proceeds of the Preview Party benefit PHS and its greening programs. Have fun while supporting an organization you care about! Purchase tickets online at *theflowershow.com/attractions/preview* or contact Ellen Wheeler at *ewheeler@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8830 for more information.

PHS Young Friends to Host "After Party"

Catch the wave of Flower Show fun by attending the **Preview Party After Party**, presented by PHS Young Friends. Immediately following the black-tie Preview Party, the After Party turns the Show floor into a dance floor and will feature Hawaiian food, Mai Tai cocktails, and a DJ. Celebrate under a multimedia canopy of crashing waves and thousands of orchids.

Attend for free by purchasing the new Young Friends membership add-on; single and dual options are available. Already attending the Preview Party? Your admission to the After Party is included. Spaces are limited, so buy your ticket today!

Preview Party After Party, sponsored by PHS Young Friends
Saturday, March 3, 8:30 pm* – 12 midnight
Pennsylvania Convention Center | Flower Show Exhibition Hall
$40 per person in advance, $50 at the door

Buy tickets online at *www.pennhort.net/afterparty*, or call 215-988-1628 to buy tickets and/or the Young Friends membership add-on.

*approximate time

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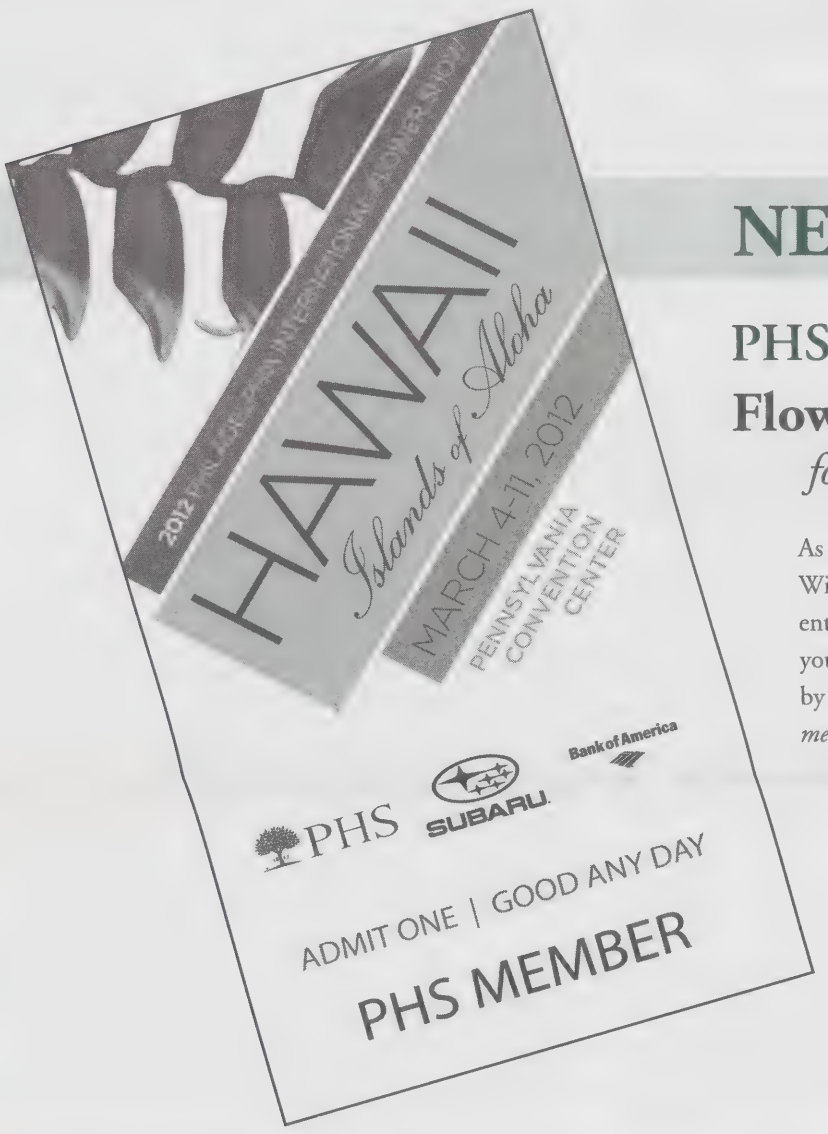
Bid on Unique Prizes

Partnering with *charitybuzz.com*, PHS will participate in an online auction for extraordinary experiences and exclusive VIP packages! The auction runs from **February 23 through March 13, 2012 at *charitybuzz.com***, and all proceeds benefit PHS. You can also make bids at the Flower Show Preview Party on Saturday, March 3. Look for PHS representatives with iPads who can take your bids live. Happy bidding!



NEW IN 2012

PHS Members Exclusive!

Flower Show Member VIP Pass

for current PHS members only

As a PHS Member, making a return trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show has never been easier. With the new **Member VIP Pass** you can make unlimited visits Monday through Friday, plus enter the Show early on Thursday, March 8! If you've always wanted to see more and do more, here's your chance. This is a limited offer available on a first-come, first-served basis. Purchase yours now by calling Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 215-988-8832, or purchase online at *pennhort.net/memberspass*

- Must be an active Household or Leadership level member to purchase
- Optional 9 am entry on Thursday, March 8 (one hour before Show opens to the public)
- Pass valid Monday, March 5 through Friday, March 9
- Non-transferable and limited number of VIP Passes issued

Adult Member VIP Pass: $100 per person
Child Member VIP Pass (ages 2-16): $70 per person

Help us Make the Flower Show Bloom All Year

As you know, proceeds from the Flower Show help make PHS greening programs possible, including City Harvest, which grows and distributes fresh vegetables to needy families. There are many ways you can increase the impact of the Flower Show to help PHS flourish:

- Attend the Flower Show Preview Party (see above for info).
- Upgrade your PHS membership to receive additional Flower Show tickets. Contact Member Services at 215-988-8776 or 8832.
- Plan an event at the Flower Show for your business, alumni group, or club. Contact Nicholas Pytel at *npytel@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8814 for more information.
- Purchase Flower Show tickets for your friends at *theflowershow.com*.

Customize your 2012 Flower Show with Theme Days & Nights

The Philadelphia International Flower Show is known for exquisite floral showcases and unforgettable experiences. And this year, visitors can experience the Show as never before with special theme days and nights. Whether you are a seasoned attendee or a first-time guest, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha* offers something for everyone. **Note: Some events require special tickets. Details and tickets are available at *theflowershow.com*.**

Monday, March 5: LGBT Night

The 2012 Flower Show invites the LGBT community for an evening of networking at its second annual LGBT Night on Monday, March 5. Sponsored by *G Philly*, the night includes cocktails and food samplings, kicked-off with a special introduction from PHS president Drew Becher in an exclusive VIP area.

Wednesday, March 7: Wedding Wednesday

Sponsored by *Philadelphia Wedding Magazine*, the Flower Show invites brides-to-be for a special evening. Bring your bridesmaids and get advice (and take-aways!) from local fashion, music, catering, honeymoon, and photography experts. Also check out a variety of demonstration stations.

Thursday, March 8: Girls' Night Out

Grab the girls and let loose on Thursday night as the Flower Show presents "Girls' Night Out." Sample cocktails and food, pick up your goodie bag, and visit with more than 30 fashion, food, and fun vendors.

Sunday, March 11: Family Day

The Flower Show offers great activities for families! In conjunction with Universal Studio's 2012 release of *The Lorax*, PHS has arranged special activities for kids to enjoy, including a meet & greet with the Lorax himself, as well as characters from PBS KIDS Sprout television! After a fun-filled afternoon, visit the Family Lounge, Room 203AB, where kids can play games, watch videos, or take a much needed rest.

Garden Tea at the Flower Show

Once you've purchased your Flower Show tickets, treat your family and friends to a lovely **Garden Tea** at the Show. Enjoy serene and elegant surroundings with soothing music and beautiful flowers. A light menu of petit sandwiches, pastries, fruit and an assortment of fine teas will enhance any visitor's Flower Show experience. Visit *pennhort.net/gardentea* to purchase your Garden Tea tickets. Please note: Flower Show admission is not included in the price of Garden Tea. For more information, email *teas@pennhort.org*.

S T A S H

Bloomin' Fun Pass

Enjoy Special Discounts During Flower Show Week throughout the Region

Present your **Blomin' Fun Pass** during the week of the Flower Show to receive special deals at dozens of restaurants, bars, museums, and shops throughout the Philadelphia area. Restaurants include LaScala, Bridget Foys, Gigi, and Positanto Coast, with most eateries offering a 15 percent discount on food items.

Also, from February 27 through March 11, many restaurants and bars throughout the area are participating in "Liquid Luau," serving special Hawaii-inspired cocktails. Vote online for your favorite cocktail recipe!

Retails shops, museums, cultural organizations, and hotels are all offering special promotions as well. Download your Bloomin' Fun Pass now at *theflowershow.com* or pick up your copy at various retail locations.

Think Flower Show for Valentine's Day!

Looking for a unique gift for that special someone this Valentine's Day? Treat your loved one to the 2012 Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. Visit *theflowershow.com* to learn about unique Flower Show experiences that you can enjoy together.

Give the Gift of a Tree for Valentine's Day

Tree Gifts Available through Plant One Million

Gifts to PHS for the **Plant One Million** campaign are a wonderful way to honor your loved one while helping to restore the region's tree canopy. Your donation of any amount in honor of a loved one will support tree plantings throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region and is 100-percent tax deductible. For gifts of $100 or more, PHS will send a beautiful Tree Gift recognition card to your tribute recipient, letting them know of this special gift made in their honor.

Tree Gift recognition cards may be purchased online at *plantonemillion.org*. Customized letters are available upon receipt of payment. Please contact the Development department with questions at 215-988-8894 or *kayers@pennhort.org*.

The Flower Show and Van Gogh!

New this year! PHS is partnering with the Philadelphia Museum of Art to offer joint ticket deals so visitors can enjoy both the Philadelphia International Flower Show and the *Van Gogh: Up Close* exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art for a special price. Packages begin at $50. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the Museum website (*Philamuseum.org*) or call 215-235-SHOW.

PHS Community Brunch at the Flower Show

Watch your mailbox and your inbox for your invitation to the 2012 PHS Community Brunch at the Flower Show. This year's celebration will be held on **Sunday, March 11, at 11 am.**

You may also register for the brunch online at *pennhort.net/phscommunitybrunch*. For more information call 215-988-8861 or email *specialevents@pennhort.org*.

Education Programs

SAVE TIME—REGISTER ONLINE!

You can register for many PHS programs online at *www.pennhort.net/eventregistration.*

MEMBER PRICING ONLINE

To take advantage of member pricing when registering online, you must **create a PHS user account on our website**. In addition to receiving special member pricing, a user account lets you update your contact information, access your giving history, indicate your interests, and renew your membership all in one convenient place! New user accounts may take up to 24 hours to be activated. If you have not already done so, you can create a user account by visiting *www.pennhort.net/myaccount*.

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 North 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Evening Lecture: Waking up in Eden
Thursday, February 9, 6 pm

Begin your Hawaiian Flower Show reveries early with an evening lecture by former *Philadelphia Inquirer* writer **Lucinda Fleeson** about her adventure living and working at the National Tropical Botanical Garden on Hawaii's island of Kauai. In her book, *Waking up in Eden*, Fleeson describes how native plants are dying at an astonishing rate—Hawaii is called the extinction capital of the world—and how invasive species (plants, animals, and humans) have imperiled this Garden of Eden. She accompanies a plant hunter into the rain forest to find the last of a dying species, descends into limestone caves with a paleontologist who deconstructs island history through fossils, and shadows a botanical pioneer who propagates rare seeds, hoping to reclaim the landscape. As she witnesses the island's plant renewal efforts, she sees her own life blossom again.

Lucinda Fleeson began her journalism career as a photographer and eventually abandoned the camera for a typewriter. At the *Philadelphia Inquirer* she wrote hundreds of news articles, features, and investigative stories on a range of topics. She lived on Kauai for two years. Currently she directs a program for international journalists at the University of Maryland College of Journalism and teaches writing and reporting.

This lecture will coincide with the orchid sale in the McLean Library (see page 1). Registration will begin in the Library at 5 pm, and a wine and cheese reception and book signing will follow the lecture in the Library. **Fee: $10 members, $20 non-members.**

Workshop: Painting Flowers and Plants with Watercolor
Eight Tuesdays: March 13 – May 1,
10 am – 1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor or have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you. Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this basic introduction will include mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, exercises to create form and dimensionality, and discussion of brushes and paper. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. Instruction will be based on individual needs, and beginners are welcome.

Eileen Rosen has taught botanical drawing at the University of the Arts, New York Botanical Garden, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Rio Bravo Research Station in Belize. **Limit: 15. Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members.**

Workshop: Creating Miniature Garden Portraits in Colored Pencil
Two Thursdays: March 15 and 22,
10 am – 3 pm

Create a charming, intimate "portrait" of a garden you love. In this workshop, taught by **Eileen Rosen**, you will begin by learning and practicing specific colored-pencil techniques, then learn to reduce and eliminate extraneous details of the larger landscape. All levels of experience are welcome. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. **Limit: 15. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**

TREE CARE UPDATE AT THE FLOWER SHOW
Tuesday, March 6, 8 am – 3 pm
Pennsylvania Convention Center

Bartlett Tree Experts presents Tree Care Update at the Philadelphia International Flower Show, on Tuesday,, March 6, from 8 am to 3 pm. Speakers include **Ed Gilman**, of the University of Florida, on root pruning to develop stronger, more storm-resistant trees; **Tom Smiley** and **Bruce Fraedrich** of the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories on soil amendments and sustainable tree maintenance; and a panel discussion on top street trees with PHS and Bartlett staff. Visit *www.pennhort.net/Bartlett* to register online, or call Carol Dutill at 215-988-8869. Participants receive admission to the Flower Show at 3 pm.

REGIONAL PROGRAM
Wesley United Methodist Church
Bethlehem, PA

Evening Lecture: New Perennial Introductions: From the Breeder to Your Garden
Wednesday, April 25, 7 pm

As you think about your garden this winter, mail-order catalogs featuring new plants will excite your horticultural fantasies. Undoubtedly you will be tempted with glamorous photographs and sumptuous descriptions, but how do you know if these plants will truly perform in your garden? This lecture by **Kevin Staso** will take a tantalizing look at a variety of newly introduced perennials as well as proven favorites.

Kevin Staso is sales director of North Creek Nurseries. He travels widely in search of new, unusual, native, and non-native cultivars for submission into North Creek's new plant introduction program. He is a board member of the Ecological Landscape Association, a member of the Perennial Plant Association's Environmental Committee, and a member of Pennsylvania's Storm Water Technical Review Council's Vegetation Advisory Committee.

This lecture is co-sponsored by PHS and the Hardy Plant Society. Directions will be mailed with confirmation letters. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments. **Fee: $10 members of the co-sponsoring organizations, $20 non-members.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. Register online at *pennhort.org/eventregistration*, or fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may also register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) PHS retains a $5 cancellation fee.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
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Education Programs

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM
Abington Township, PA

Evening Lecture: The Secrets of Forcing Plants for the Flower Show
Wednesday, February 1, 6 pm

Since 1982 **John Story** has been the brains behind the art and science of convincing plants of all kinds to bloom in harmony at a time of the year when they all would rather be asleep. Join us for this special evening event in the lovely setting of Liddon Pennock's former living room at Meadowbrook Farm. John will describe what it takes to get plants to the Show, including initial planning, equipment, growing details, special arrangements for certain items, shipping, and wrap-up. His talk will be sprinkled throughout with war stories from 30 years of Flower Shows. The presentation will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. (Come back on February 22 for a tour of the greenhouses full of plants for 2012.) **Fee: $10 PHS members, $20 non-members.**

Tour: Flower Show Sneak Peek
Wednesday, February 22
Choose either 10 am – noon or 1 – 3 pm

How do all those out-of-season plants bloom just in time for the Philadelphia International Flower Show? It's a combination of art and science, and it has its joys and challenges. The magic happens at Meadowbrook Farm. Join **John Story** and staff as they lead a tour through the greenhouses, highlighting the unusual plants being grown for displays at the 2012 Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. You will see these plants first at Meadowbrook and learn the fascinating, intricate details that are part of this amazing horticultural balancing act. Light refreshments will be served after the tour. **Fee: $18 PHS members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Wayne, PA

Walk: Early Spring Bulbs
Wednesday, April 18, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

This garden walk will explore the cheerful, seasonal flowers of spring: Dutch bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Eric Hsu** will focus on those rewarding spring-blooming bulbs that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs
Thursday, April 26, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will discuss all aspects of pruning garden shrubs and demonstrate basic techniques. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE
Union League of Philadelphia
140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

Evening Lecture: Gertrude Jekyll and the Country House Garden
Monday, March 12, 6:30 pm

One of the most important garden designers of the twentieth century, Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) was a prolific writer and influential horticulturist. Her writings delve into the themes of Home and Garden, Gardens Old and New, Gardens for Small Country Houses, Color in the Flower Garden, and Garden Ornament, which will be highlighted in this lecture. Landscape historian and author **Judith Tankard** will explore Jekyll's legendary theories on color, planting, and design, as well as a wonderful selection of some of her famous garden commissions.

Judith B. Tankard is a distinguished landscape historian, author, and preservation consultant. In 2000 she was awarded a Gold Medal by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Her articles and book reviews have been published in a wide range of publications, including *Hortus*, *Apollo*, and *Country Life*.

This program is co-sponsored by The Royal Oak Foundation and the Union League of Philadelphia. There will be a reception sponsored by Freeman's Auctioneers at 6 pm, followed by an optional dinner. **Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by March 7.** Formal business attire required. **Fee: lecture only: $25 members and non-members. Lecture and dinner: $75 members and guests.** Registration is required through the Royal Oak Foundation. Call 212-480-2889, ext. 201 or visit *www.royal-oak.org*.

FREE LECTURE SERIES
PHS Auditorium, 100 N. 20th Street

PHS and the Wagner Free Institute of Science will co-sponsor a multi-session course, *Agricultural Science and Policy*. The course is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. Registered students will receive a syllabus and reading list as part of their registration acknowledgement. **For information on pre-registration, please visit the Wagner Institute website (*wagnerfree-institute.org/adulteducation*) or call 215-763-6529 ext. 23.**

Agricultural Science and Policy
Six Mondays: March 26 – April 30, 6:30 pm
PHS Auditorium

This course, taught by **Dr. David Hewitt**, will provide scientific background to understand current issues in agricultural and food policy. Subjects will include ecology, physiology (plant and animal), genetics, and molecular/cell biology. It will also include discussion of fertilizer production, nutrient management, seed production, and biotechnology, as well as other topics.

Dr. David Hewitt is a botany research associate at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. His work has included botanical surveys, mycological studies, and the history of botany, among other areas.

PECO GREEN ROOF TOURS
2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

April through October, 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5 pm

Want to learn about exciting green roof technology and how it can help the environment? Our popular monthly tours of the green roof at PECO's downtown headquarters will resume on **Tuesday, April 17 at 5 pm**. At more than 45,000 square feet, the PECO green roof includes an observation deck and offers stunning views of downtown Philadelphia. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, and pre-registration at least two business days before the tour is required. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Fee: $5 PHS members, $10 non-members.**

PHS GARDENING SERIES

PHS Gardening Series **events are free unless otherwise noted.** For more information and a complete list of upcoming activities, please browse the calendar on the PHS website, *PHSonline.org*, or contact Marilyn Reynolds at *phsgardeningseries@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8872.

Travel with PHS

Gardens of South India
January 11 – 25, 2013

Allison Rulon-Miller

The itinerary will include Brindavan Gardens, a Mughal-style terrace garden completed in 1932 and modeled after the Shalimar Gardens of Kashmir.

Join PHS in January 2013 for a fascinating exploration of the flora and gardens of South India. Our 15-day, 14-night trip will showcase the early role of gardens and plants in medicinal, religious, culinary, commercial, and leisure activities in India. It will also illustrate how these roles and activities evolved in the colonial era and after independence from Britain. We will visit Mughal-style terrace gardens; British-style botanical gardens; and lively flower, vegetable, and spice markets. We will also visit colonial-era hill stations where tea, coffee, and spice plantations still abound and learn about current programs to help the thousands of small tea growers found throughout India. Current plant conservation and research activities will be explored through visits to two botanical sanctuaries. In one we will find rare impatiens and orchids native to the Western Ghat Mountains of Kerala, and in the other we will discover a myriad of tropical trees and plants, including the largest collection of gingers in India. Finally, we will learn about the Indian discipline of ayurveda, an ancient art of healing and wellness incorporating medicinal plants, controlled diet, and mind-body exercise.

Our itinerary also includes some of South India's most memorable sites, such as the Amba Vilas Palace in Mysore, the serene backwaters of Kerala, and the Portuguese- and Dutch-influenced town of Kochi. Optional trip extensions to the Golden Triangle (Delhi/Agra/Jaipur) and to Kolkata will also be offered. For more information, contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *ckleiber@pennhort.org*.

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Connect with PHS online

Visit the Flower Show blog

Visit the Flower Show blog to read behind-the-scenes stories about the 2012 Flower Show, *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha*. Read about Show designer Sam Lemheney's travels in Hawaii in preparation for the Show, view photographs of Hawaii sent in by readers, or watch a video about the award-winning plant exhibitor Mrs. Samuel M.V. "Dodo" Hamilton.

These stories and more can be found at *theflowershowblog.com*.

Sam Lemheney in Hawaii.

Read more stories like this at *PHSonline.org*.

Connect with PHS through Facebook and Twitter and watch videos on our PHS YouTube page.

Save the Date:

2012 PHS Junior Flower Show

Friday, April 27

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 27 for the 2012 EarthFest, featuring the Junior Flower Show, held at Temple University's Ambler campus. This annual event (formerly known as Kids Grow Expo), attracts thousands of schoolchildren from all over the region for fun, educational activities. This year's theme, "How 2 Grow," focuses on water. Visit *PHSonline.org* for more information.

PHS will also host a Teacher Workshop at the Flower Show on Monday, March 5. For more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org*.

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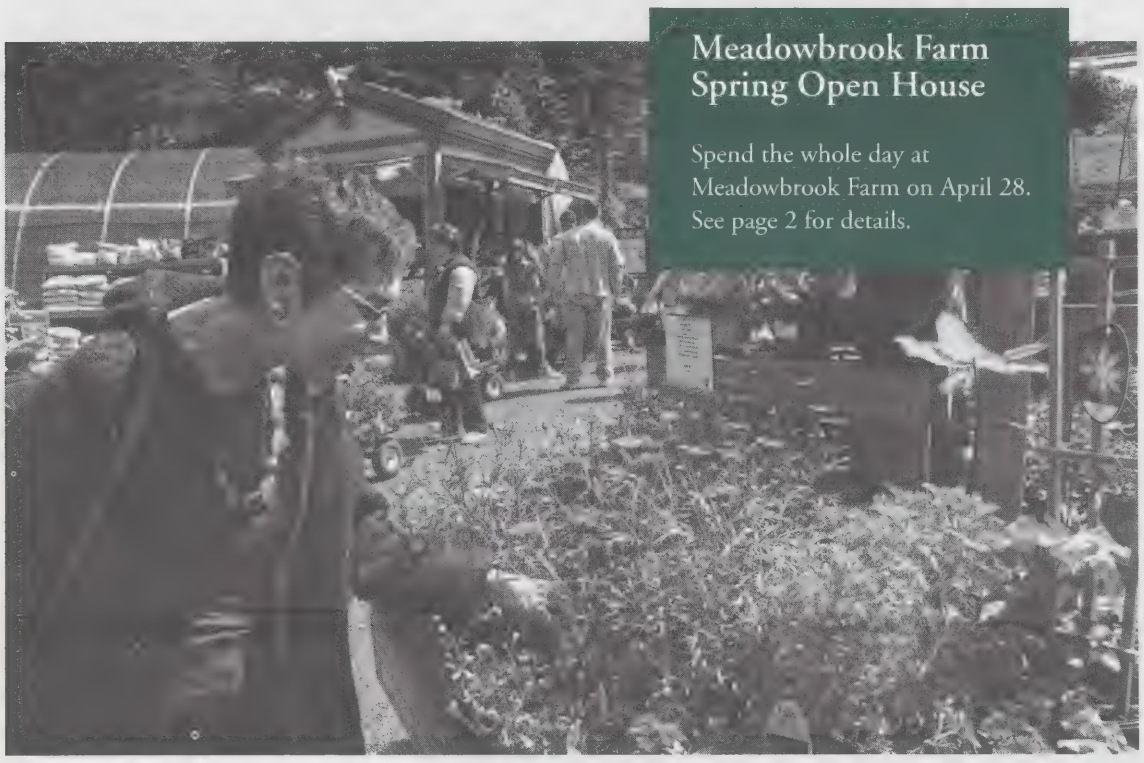
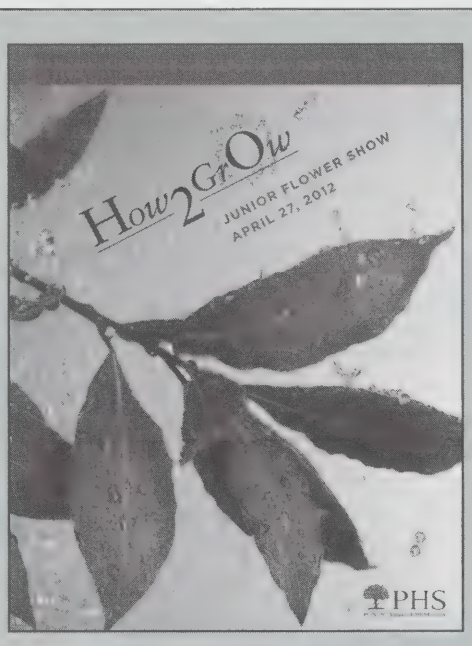


Meadowbrook Farm Spring Open House

Spend the whole day at Meadowbrook Farm on April 28. See page 2 for details.

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

This year the annual Earth Day celebration is more than just one day! The Greater Philadelphia Region celebrates the Earth in April with hundreds of special events, educational activities, and volunteer opportunities. Visit *PHSonline.org*, where we've created a special page with information about what PHS and other organizations are planning. Also check the PHS Facebook and Twitter pages to stay tuned, get involved, and make a difference. Here are a few happenings in April. (For PHS education programs, see pages 4–7.)



2012 PHS Junior Flower Show

Friday, April 27,
9:30 am–3 pm
Temple University, Ambler Campus

Join us for the 2012 EarthFest, featuring the PHS Junior Flower Show. This annual event, held at the beautiful Ambler Campus of Temple University, attracts thousands of schoolchildren from all over the region for fun, educational activities and horticultural competitions. This year's theme, "How 2 grOw," focuses on our most precious resource, water. Visit *PHSonline.org* for more information or contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org*, or 215-988-8897.

Love Your Park Week

May 12–19

Join PHS staff and thousands of volunteers for Love Your Park Day on Saturday, May 12 in neighborhood parks throughout Philadelphia. Volunteer activities will include removing invasive weeds and vines, painting benches, preparing garden beds, and general cleanup. No gardening experience necessary. PHS is partnering with Fairmount Park Conservancy and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation on this citywide event. May 12 kicks off an entire week of fun activities and workshops in parks throughout Philadelphia. From gardening workshops to Tai Chi to speed dating, there are dozens of ways to "love your park." To find a park or event near you or to volunteer on May 12, please visit *loveyourpark.org* or contact Jennifer Mahar at *jmahar@pennhort.org* or 215-988-1611.

Second Annual Philadelphia Science Festival

April 21–29, 11 am–4 pm
Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA

Philadelphia's schools, universities, cultural institutions, and research centers unite as one to put science in the spotlight. Scientists and engineers throughout the city offer fun, interactive programs for Philadelphians of all ages. Stop by the PHS booth at the Science Festival on Saturday, April 21. For more information, go to *philasciencefestival.org*.

Help Beautify Civic Landscapes in Philadelphia

April through November

Join other dedicated volunteers who are helping to maintain some of Philadelphia's best-loved public garden spaces, including the Azalea Garden, the Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, and the grounds of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, as well as two small gardens near PHS—the Gas Station Garden and the Triangle Garden. Groups meet monthly from April through November. No gardening experience is required. For more information, please visit the PHS calendar at *PHSonline.org* or contact Regina Cobbs at *rcobbs@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8896.

ALL ABOUT TREES

Plant One Million Tree Plantings

Thousands of trees will be planted throughout the region this spring, beginning in April, through Plant One Million, a multi-state tree planting partnership. Your help is needed! To find a tree planting near you, please visit *plantonemillion.org*.

PLANT ONE MILLION
3 states. 13 counties. 1 tree at a time.
PlantOneMillion.org

Plant One Million Hits a Home Run with Phillies!

If you're a fan of both PHS and the Philadelphia Phillies, now you have something new to cheer about. The Philadelphia Phillies have pledged to support Plant One Million, our regional tree-planting partnership, by donating $100 to the program every time a Phillies player hits a home run. Go Phils!

Become a Tree Tender!

PHS's Tree Tenders® training program offers hands-on tree care education for residents of the five-county Philadelphia region. The nine-hour course covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community. ISA, PA LA, Act 48 and PLNA credit available. Fee: $25. Pre-registration is required. Register online at *pennhort.net/eventregistration* or call Dawn Waters at 215-988-8845.

Montgomery County
Tuesdays, April 10, 17, & 24, 6–9 pm
Meadowbrook Farm
1633 Washington Lane
Meadowbrook, PA

Philadelphia
Thursdays, May 3, 10 & 17, 5:45–8:45 pm
PHS, 100 N. 20th Street
5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA

U.S. Forest Service Opens Office at PHS

PHS is pleased to have a new partner for all things trees! The U.S.D.A. Forest Service has established a Philadelphia Field Station at PHS headquarters. The Field Station will establish fellowships for high school, undergraduate, and graduate students in urban forestry research, focusing on improving tree survival, validating the role of trees in stormwater management, and building awareness of the ecosystem services provided by trees and forests, among other issues.

The Field Station will also conduct research on the benefits of trees and serve as a resource for PHS on Plant One Million, our multi-state tree planting partnership.

"In this region, all of us know the value of trees," says Phillip Rodbell, acting coordinator of the Philadelphia Field Station. "We are here to study, confirm, support, and share PHS's good work with others around the world."

PHS Honored by Arbor Day Foundation

PHS has been chosen to receive the Excellence in Urban Forest Leadership Award in the Arbor Day Foundation's 2012 Awards Competition. This Award is given to an exceptional individual or organization whose work provides innovative leadership in advancing sustainable community forestry efforts at a local, state, or national level. The award will be presented at the Arbor Day Awards Ceremony held April 27 and 28 in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

PENNVEST Provides $2 Million + for Tree Planting

PHS and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission will collaborate on a large-scale tree planting funded by PENNVEST (Pennsylvania State Infrastructure and Investment Authority). More than 3,000 trees will be planted in seven municipalities in southeastern Pennsylvania over the next two years. The trees will help manage stormwater, improve water quality, and enhance the quality of life in these communities. PHS worked closely with DVRPC and the municipalities to secure the grant funding, in the amount of $2,020,799.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society motivates people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.

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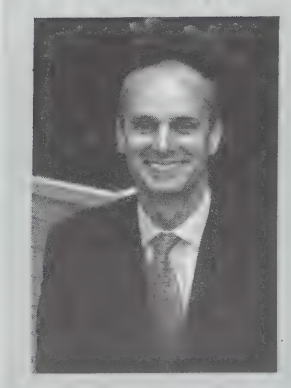

THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC FLOWER SHOW

As I write this letter at the end of February, the view out the window is not of my quiet winter garden at home, but of piles of steaming mulch, pots of exotic orchids, and thickets of palm trees. From my temporary office at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the scenery changes constantly. One minute, there is nothing there, and the next minute the space is filled with tropical plants, hardscaping, and people hard at work. *Hawaii: Islands of Aloha* is almost here.

Life at home goes on hold at the end of winter, as many of our volunteers and exhibitors know, when we spend a week setting up the Philadelphia International Flower Show, and then spend another week welcoming hundreds of thousands of visitors to the largest and oldest—and best!—indoor flower show in the world.

It is a privilege to participate in this fantastic annual event. The people who give their time and care to every part of the Show are inspiring: horticultural and artistic exhibitors who spend a full year making sure their entries are at their best for the judges; major exhibitors who execute stunning full-size gardens full of rare plants and exquisite designs; volunteers who are here from early morning until late at night; Marketplace vendors who come from all over the country; judges, guest speakers, and lecturers who provide their expertise without pay; PHS and Meadowbrook Farm staff who go above and beyond their job descriptions; and so many more.

Thank you for volunteering, exhibiting, and being members. Without you, the Flower Show would not be possible. The money we raise from the Show—an average of $1 million—helps to fund PHS's year-round community greening programs like City Harvest. The Show also provides a positive $61 million impact on the Greater Philadelphia Region, through jobs; tourism and hospitality; and city, state, and federal tax revenues.

I also want to thank our Flower Show sponsors for their significant support, including: Subaru (Premier Sponsor); Bank of America (Exclusive Sponsor); ACME, Bartlett Tree Experts, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Einstein Healthcare Network, EP Henry, PA Wine & Spirits Stores, the Hawaiian Islands, Mantis, Organic Gardening, SugarHouse Casino, and Tourism Ireland (Official Sponsors); and U.S. Trust/Bank of America Wealth Management (Preview Sponsor).

I look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts on this year's Flower Show. Which changes did you like? What would you like to see at the Show? How can we do better next year? We are continuing to work on a business plan, made possible with a generous grant from the William Penn Foundation, to make the Philadelphia International Flower Show a must-attend event. We look forward to sharing the draft plan with you soon.

I wish you a happy spring and look forward to seeing you at a PHS event.

Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Spring Open House

Saturday, April 28
8 am-6 pm, special activities from 10 am-4 pm

Get your garden started! Enjoy great spring shopping for annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees, plus beautiful gifts, hanging baskets, and a variety of heirloom veggie starts and herbs! The open house offers a festive, carnival atmosphere with tasty refreshments and fun activities for the whole family!

MEADOWBROOK FARM
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*

Books & Begonias: A PHS Plant Exhibition

May 14 to June 1 at the PHS McLean Library

Starting Monday, May 14, PHS will present **Books & Begonias!** Located in the McLean Library on the first floor, the exhibition will feature a selection of spectacular begonias from Meadowbrook Farm. Also on display will be a few treasures from the McLean Library's rare book room, including selected volumes of *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, each depicting colored engravings of the fancy-leaf begonias beloved by Victorians. The exhibition will culminate with a begonia sale on June 1st. Admission is free.

PHS Joins With Art Philadelphia™ Campaign

PHS will participate in **With Art Philadelphia™**, the city's first-ever coordinated visual arts marketing campaign. The two-year With Art collaborative is a first-of-its-kind partnership to position Philadelphia among the world's great art destinations and to increase visitation to the region from around the world.

With Art Philadelphia will launch in May, just prior to the opening of the Barnes Foundation's Philadelphia campus on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. For information about arts activities in the Philadelphia region, visit *visitphilly.com/withart*. Look for arts-related PHS programs on pages 4–7.

In the Spotlight

Andrew Bunting

You could call Andrew Bunting a full-time volunteer, except for the fact that he also has a full-time job. Andrew is curator at the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, where he oversees the woody plant collections. But he packs so many other activities into his life—all of them horticultural in nature—that you wonder when he finds time to sleep.

Andrew has a long history as a PHS volunteer. He currently sits on the Flower Show executive committee and is chair of the Gardener's Studio, which offers talks and demonstrations right on the Flower Show floor (he has given more than 40 presentations himself). He's been involved with the Flower Show "passers"—those who check entries to be sure they meet all requirements—since 1987, including a stint as chair of the Passing Committee. He has also chaired the Horticulture Committee, has served on the nomenclature committee, and can sometimes be found leading early morning tours or judging horticulture classes.

"What I love about volunteering at the Flower Show," Andrew says, "is that everyone's participation is highly appreciated, and there's always encouragement to do something else."

Outside of the Flower Show, Andrew enjoys visiting gardens in Philadelphia as a volunteer judge for the annual PHS City Gardens Contest. He has penned articles for PHS's *Green Scene* magazine and has opened his home garden in Swarthmore for PHS member tours.

More recently, he joined the new Design and Horticulture Committee, a group of professionals who meet with PHS staff to help develop and refine the organization's approach to garden and landscape design. "It's a very dynamic group," he says, "and there's an emphasis on free thinking."

Beyond PHS, Andrew is president of the Magnolia Society International and vice president of the board of the Delaware Center for Horticulture. He's also involved with the Swarthmore Horticultural Society and the Swarthmore street tree committee, as well as the horticulture committee at historic Bartram's Garden.

As if all of that were not enough to keep him busy, Andrew also owns and runs a successful business called Fine Garden Creations.

Last but not least, Andrew contributes more than his time to PHS. He is a long-time member of the 1827 Society, a special group of donors who make generous annual gifts. "I'm not in a position to be a top donor in terms of giving millions," he says, "but I think the 1827 Society offers a great way for working people to support PHS."

City Harvest in Full Bloom: New Facilities Boost Growing Power

This spring, a new greenhouse and urban farm at historic Bartram's Garden is providing additional growing space for the PHS City Harvest program, which works to make fresh produce more readily available in urban neighborhoods. The new facilities, created through a partnership with Bartram's Garden; the Agatston Urban Nutrition Initiative—which is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania—and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, will greatly increase the output of fresh vegetables and seedlings for City Harvest.

"This site will serve several of our programs," says PHS associate director Claire Baker. "In addition to more growing space for City Harvest, the greenhouse and farm will also provide a place for education programs, youth programs, entrepreneurial food growers, and a farmers market serving the local community." Baker says Bartram's Garden is also developing a fruit-tree orchard, which will supply fruit for City Harvest.

Bartram's Garden also serves as a training site for participants in PHS's Roots to Re-Entry program. A component of City Harvest, Roots to Re-Entry trains ex-offenders for entry-level employment in the landscaping industry. The program is designed to maximize the chances of job placement for men and women involved in City Harvest. (Through City Harvest, inmates start vegetable seedlings that are grown in community gardens, and the resulting produce is distributed to needy families.)

Roots to Re-Entry participants gain hands-on landscaping experience at Bartram's Garden, Awbury Arboretum in Germantown, and—new this spring—the grounds of historic Friends Hospital in Northeast Philadelphia.

Roots to Re-Entry program partners are working to create a network of employers in the regional landscaping industry to identify and secure job opportunities for graduates.

"How far an individual chooses to grow within the industry is up to them," says Roots to Re-Entry project manager Francis Lawn. "Perhaps just as importantly, this program reconnects the men to the land, helping them understand that this basic connection can be more than a job or skill."

Proceeds from the recent 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show will help support PHS programs such as City Harvest and Roots to Re-Entry. Thank you for attending! Want to do more? Text 'DIG' to 85944 to donate $10 to PHS; when prompted reply Y to confirm. You can also make a secure donation of any amount at *PHSonline.org*. Thank you!

If you are interested in becoming an employer partner for Roots to Re-Entry, please contact Francis Lawn at *flawn@pennhort.org* or 215-988-7664.

PHS Recognizes Great Gardeners!

PHS City Gardens Contest

Entry deadline June 10

The annual PHS City Gardens Contest offers Philadelphia gardeners the opportunity to compete for honors in several categories—from tiny rooftop gardens to expansive community gardens. Deadline to enter is June 10. Volunteer judges are also needed and are chosen for their accomplishments and horticultural expertise. Judges need not be Philadelphia residents. For more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897. For an entry form, visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "PHS Events."

PHS Community Greening Award

Nomination deadline July 30

The PHS Community Greening Award celebrates those who have improved their communities throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware by beautifying main streets, public parks, train stations, churches, schoolyards, libraries, traffic islands, and other publicly accessible spaces. Deadline for nominations is July 30. For more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897.

The Fountain Street steps in Philadelphia's Manayunk section

Give the Gift of a Tree for Mother's Day

Tree Gifts Available through Plant One Million

A gift to PHS for the **Plant One Million** campaign is a wonderful way to honor your mother on Mother's Day while helping to restore the region's tree canopy. Your donation of any amount will support tree plantings throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region and is 100-percent tax deductible. For gifts of $100 or more, PHS will send a beautiful recognition card to your tribute recipient, letting them know of this special gift made in their honor.

Tree Gift recognition cards may be purchased online at *plantonemillion*.org. Upon receipt of payment, a link to customize your card will be emailed to you. Please contact the Development department with questions at 215-988-8894 or *kayers@pennhort.org*.

PLANT ONE MILLION

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PlantOneMillion.org

PLANT ONE MILLION DONATION FORM

Yes, I will support PHS and the Plant One Million campaign
to beautify our communities and improve our environment by planting trees

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please accept my gift of:

- ☐ $35 to purchase a shovel for planting.
- ☐ $50 to buy mulch for newly planted trees.
- ☐ $100 to help pay for one tree.
- ☐ $150 ☐ Other _____

Payment Method:

☐ Check enclosed (payable to PHS) OR Charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card# _____ Expiration _____ Card Security Code _____

Signature _____

Mail To: PHS, Attn: Development Department, 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

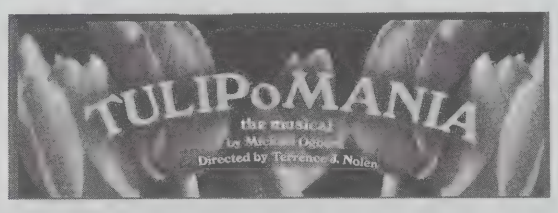
Visit our secure website at *PHSonline.org* and click on "Plant One Million"

A copy of the official registration and financial information for Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 800-723-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Special Events for PHS Members Only

Linvilla Orchards
20% Shopping Discount
Saturday, April 14, 8 am–8 pm
Linvilla Orchards, Media, PA

Linvilla Orchards, a 300-acre farm famous for Pumpkinland and delicious pies, will offer PHS members a 20 percent discount on plants (non-sale only). Linvilla's 15,000-square-foot garden center has a variety of seasonal flowers and plants, including annuals and perennials, hanging baskets, fruit trees and shrubs. Just present your valid membership card to receive the discount.



Tulipomania
Wednesday, May 23, 8 pm
Arden Theatre Company, Philadelphia, PA

Before we had the subprime mortgage crisis, Holland had the tulip bulb bubble. Support PHS by purchasing a ticket to attend the final dress rehearsal for *Tulipomania: The Musical*, "the story of a man who sacrifices everything he owns for a tulip." Fee: $25.

To register, please visit *pennhort.net/event registration* or call 215-988-8876.

Rodale Institute Offers Discount to PHS Members

The Rodale Institute, a pioneer in organic agriculture, will offer a special discount of 10 percent off registration fees for all PHS members who register for organic gardening workshops at the Rodale Institute's beautiful farm site, located in Kutztown, PA. The discount will be applied at checkout; please use the promotion code **PHS2012** when registering for programs online at *rodaleinstitute.org/events* (offer ends December 31, 2012). For more information or to register by phone, please call 610-683-6009.

MT. CUBA CENTER
CONNECT
YOUR VIRTUAL GUIDE TO NATIVE PLANTS

PHS Members Save on Mt. Cuba Classes Online

Mt. Cuba Center, the region's premier native plant garden, has launched Mt. Cuba Center Connect, an online resource for the study of native plants. Mt. Cuba Center Connect captures a selection of the center's live education programs and materials and makes them available online and on demand. Available now are "The Ferns at Mt. Cuba Center" and "Hummingbirds in Your Garden." PHS members receive a 20% discount on "Hummingbirds in Your Garden." Visit *mtcubacenter.org* and click on Distance Learning to learn more or to sign up. Use the promotion code "lonicera" when purchasing.

Education Programs

SAVE TIME—REGISTER ONLINE!

You can register for many PHS programs online at *pennhort.net/eventregistration.*

MEMBER PRICING ONLINE

To take advantage of member pricing when registering online, you must **create a PHS user account on our website**. In addition to receiving special membership pricing, a user account lets you update your contact information, access your giving history, indicate your interests, and renew your membership all in one convenient place! New user accounts may take up to 24 hours to be activated. If you have not already done so, you can create a user account by visiting *pennhort.net/myaccount.*

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 N. 20th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

McLean Library Reading Groups
Ongoing
PHS McLean Library

Join us in reading and discussing works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land. Participants in two monthly reading groups obtain their books and read each month's selection prior to the meetings. The lunch-time short story group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from noon to 1:30. The evening group meets on the first Thursday from 5:45 to 7:45 pm. For more information, contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772. **FREE**

The Pleasures of Tea—An Evening Tasting Workshop
Wednesday, June 20, 6 pm

Join PHS and international tea expert **Anupa Mueller** for an evening of discovery about the cultivation and enjoyment of tea. We will taste and compare eight to ten different teas from renowned tea regions of the world, with an emphasis on India and China, including black, green, Oolong, flavored, and decaffeinated varieties. With a nod to the upcoming PHS trip to South India, high-quality Darjeeling, Assam, and Nilgiri teas also will be included. A brief introduction will cover the history and origin of tea; growing, harvesting, and manufacturing methods; seasonal variations in tea; and pointers on how best to steep and store tea.

Anupa Mueller was raised in Darjeeling, India, and is a world-class expert on the cultivation and enjoyment of fine teas and the global movement toward sustainable growing methods and fair-trade commerce. She is the owner and founder of Eco-Prima Tea in Tarrytown, New York.

After the tea tasting, **Allison Rulon-Miller**, founder of From Lost to Found Travel, will introduce the upcoming trip to South India in January 2013. The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. **Limit: 50. Fee: $25 members, $30 non members.**

Botanical Illustration: Cityscapes—Portraits of Logan Square with Colored Pencil
Thursday, June 28, 9:30 am–3 pm
Logan Square (Meet at PHS)

Join us for a springtime *plein air* botanical illustration workshop with **Eileen Rosen** at Logan Square in Center City Philadelphia, the crown jewel of the Paris-influenced Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which has been beautifully renovated by PHS and partners. Instruction will include how to sketch a simple working drawing and slowly build up and blend layers of vibrant colors to create a charming, miniature portrait of the site. A supplies list will be sent with your confirmation. We will meet promptly at 9:30 at the PHS McLean Library and walk a few blocks to Logan Square at 10 am. **Limit 12. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

EVENTS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046

Children's Classes at Meadowbrook Farm Co-Hosted by Pennypack Farm & Education Center

Bring the young ones to Meadowbrook Farm for hands-on gardening and outdoor fun. Classes are offered for two age groups: "Little Seeds" (3–4 years) and Little Sprouts (5–6 years). Preregistration and payment are required in advance. Refunds and make-ups are not available for missed classes. Siblings aged 2 and under are welcome to tag along free of charge. **For a list of programs and to register, please visit *PennypackFarm.org.***

Terrariums!
Choose one of three sessions:
April 5, May 3, or June 7 (Thursdays)
6–8 pm

What could be better than to brighten your home with a lush, green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure requires special attention. But once assembled, your mini plant world is easy to care for. You may either bring your own terrarium container or purchase one at the program. Soil, moss, and an assortment of small plants will be provided, along with a complimentary glass of wine. **Limit: 20 participants at each session. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.**

Green Walls
Saturday, April 7, 10 am–12 noon

"Green walls" are one of the hottest trends in gardening right now. Beautiful in color and texture, green walls expand the planting possibilities for small spaces and add an exciting dimension to any garden. This demonstration will show you how to create your own wall garden using "Woolly Pockets" and other new products.
Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.

Education Programs

Succulent Wreaths
Choose one of three sessions:
April 12, May 10, or June 14 (Thursdays)
6–8 pm

Impress your friends and family with a living wreath you design and create yourself. Meadowbrook Farm staff will demonstrate how to use succulent plants such as sedum and sempervivum to fill a 10-inch frame filled with soil and moss. The finished creation can hang outdoors, including in the winter, or serve as a table centerpiece. Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine as you work. **Limit: 20 participants at each session. Fee: $45 members, $55 non-members.**

Composting & Compost Tea
Saturday April 21, 10 am–12 noon

This program will provide practical tips for turning everyday household waste into nutrient-rich compost, including how to use your compost pile to make "compost tea," a magical potion that both fertilizes and prevents disease. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Vegetable Gardening 101
Saturday, April 14, 10 am–12 noon

Have you always wanted to have fresh vegetables from your garden and haven't quite known how to get started? The Meadowbrook Farm staff will get you moving in the right direction. You will learn to select a good site for your garden, choose the best varieties of plants, and sow seeds. You'll also learn how maintain your plants and cultivate the soil so that you can harvest fresh vegetables throughout the growing season. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Permaculture Herb Spiral
Saturday, May 19, 10 am–12 noon

Learn how to build a permaculture herb spiral and keep your kitchen stocked with fresh herbs year-round. This type of garden bed requires little upkeep and provides the best growing conditions for herbs, specific to microclimates you create to match the climates they thrive in. We'll build one at Meadowbrook using simple steps you can use in your garden, while learning the basics of permaculture. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Planning the Fall Vegetable Garden
Saturday, June 16, 10 am–12 noon

Does your vegetable garden begin to wane as the heat of summer sets in? Are you not sure what to do next? There isn't time for more tomatoes and beans, but fall is a great time to grow greens such as lettuce, kale, Swiss chard, spinach, and arugula, as well as fun and funky vegetables you may not have tried before. We will learn how to plan for direct sowing and transplants as well as how to protect your tender plants when frost threatens.
Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.

PROGRAMS AT THE SALVATION ARMY KROC CENTER OF PHILADELPHIA

4200 Wissahickon Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19129

Caring for Your Houseplants
Thursday, June 14, 6–7:30 pm

Houseplants can seem like a mystery if you don't know how to care for them. Get useful tips that will help your plants thrive like never before. **Fee: $15.**

Growing a Green Thumb— Vegetable Gardening 101
Thursday, April 19, 6–7:30 pm

Interested in growing vegetables, but don't have a lot of space? This session will cover planning the garden, soil preparation, selecting the right varieties, planting, and making the most of your available space. **Fee: $15.**

Keep it Growing
Thursday, May 17, 6–7:30 pm

Planting a garden is only the beginning. Keeping your garden growing and thriving is what makes a gardener. This class offers advice and information on composting, watering, and maintaining your garden throughout the growing season. **Fee: $15.**

PHS Garden Visits will be held May 20 and June 10. See page 7.

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER

786 Church Rd.
Wayne, PA 19087

Walk: Early Spring Bulbs
Wednesday, April 18, 5:30–7:30 pm

This garden walk will explore the cheerful, seasonal flowers of spring: Dutch bulbs. Chanticleer horticulturist **Eric Hsu** will focus on those rewarding spring-blooming bulbs that naturalize and are truly perennial. From snowdrops to daffodils, we will review their identification, garden culture, landscape uses, and sources. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Demonstration: Pruning Shrubs
Thursday, April 26, 5:30–7:30 pm

Chanticleer horticulturist **Przemek Walczak** will discuss all aspects of pruning garden shrubs and demonstrate basic techniques. Using the grounds of Chanticleer as a classroom, he will focus on practical information for the home gardener, including reasons for pruning, when to prune, and the proper use and care of tools. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Moss Gardening
Wednesday, May 16, 6–8 pm

Here's a practical approach to growing one of the most beautiful groups of plants. **Joe Henderson** will talk about starting and maintaining a patch of moss, a moss lawn, or a whole moss garden. We will look at examples of moss uses, tools, and maintenance techniques. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk/Workshop: Basic Garden Photography
Thursday, May 17, 6–8 pm

A garden is a living, multi-dimensional work of art, but how do you frame or capture the special character of your garden in a two dimensional picture? **Lisa Roper** will lead us through the gardens at Chanticleer addressing basic principles of garden photography, including light, composition, movement, color, and equipment. You will have plenty of time to frame your own images with your favorite camera. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Ornamental Vegetables in the Garden and in Containers
Thursday, May 24, 6–8 pm

Learn how to make your vegetable garden as colorful and inviting as your flower garden, whether you have a large area or a container garden or both. Gather ideas on this tour of Chanticleer's popular vegetable garden, led by **Doug Croft**, highlighting the latest edible beauties, arranged in designs to please the eye as well as the palate. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Small Space, Big Impact: From How? To Wow!
Thursday, June 7, 6–8 pm

Do you have a small backyard or garden and struggle to come up with the right design? Should the design be open and sparse or full and dense? How do you achieve a lush effect with limited planting space? Join **Jonathan Wright** for a walk through many of the smaller and more intimate spaces at Chanticleer. You'll see great plants and get design ideas to help you make the most impact in small areas. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Education Programs

Walk: Unusual Perennials for Sun and Shade
Wednesday, June 13, 6–8 pm

Spice up your perennial borders and containers with the fresh colors, textures, and shapes of new or underused plants. **Lisa Roper** will highlight less-familiar varieties that will have your visitors asking, "What *are* those awesome plants?" **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Make Your Own Garden Chair
Thursday, June 28, 6–8 pm

Join **Dan Benarcik** for a hands-on workshop during which you will build a garden chair. This timeless and comfortable design, adapted by Dan from a version popularized in the garden at Wave Hill in the Bronx, is suitable for any garden setting. Using red cedar and stainless steel hardware, you can take pride in creating your own durable, useful, and handsome outdoor chair at a significant discount from the retail price. Precut materials and instruction will be provided. Your enthusiasm and a cordless drill are all you need to supply. Chairs retail for $245, additional chairs are available for purchase. **Limit 12. Fee: $180 members, $200 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT HORTULUS FARM NURSERY & GARDENS
60 Thompson Mill Rd.
Wrightstown, PA 18940

Demonstration/Tour: A Day in the Garden Devoted to Design
Monday, May 21, 10 am–3 pm

Treat yourself to a full day learning about garden design at picturesque Hortulus Farm. Co-owner **Renny Reynolds**, whose garden designs have been featured in magazines such as *Architectural Digest* and *Town & Country*, will give a morning talk about design basics. In the afternoon we will enjoy a boxed lunch in the garden followed by a tour of 30 acres of the property that have been developed into 20 individual gardens, including a peony walk, woodland walk, French garden, and more. We'll also visit the Farm Museum, which houses a fine collection of Bucks County Impressionist paintings and other artifacts and collections. Also notable is Renny and partner Jack Staub's horticultural library of almost 1,000 garden books, as well as collections of antique garden tools, statuary, and garden letters. At the end of the day you will take home a gift plant as a souvenir. **Limit: 20. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**

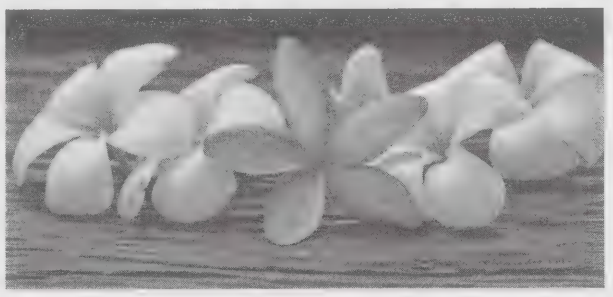
Workshop: Miniature Garden Portraits in Colored Pencil
Thursday, June 21, 10 am–3 pm

In this workshop led by **Eileen Rosen**, you'll create a charming, miniature "portrait" from your favorite garden niche at Hortulus Farm Garden. Using smooth, vibrant, wax-based Prismacolor colored pencils, you will learn how to simplify, reduce, and reinterpret the details of the larger landscape and mix, layer, and blend the colors of nature. Step-by-step demonstrations and individual instruction will be provided. Beginners are welcome! Bring a brown-bag lunch. **Limit 10. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

OTHER LOCATIONS

Tropicals in the Landscape
Saturday, April 14, 2–3 pm
Triple Oaks Nursery & Herb Garden
2359 Delsea Drive
Franklinville, NJ 08322

You needn't live in a warm climate to turn your garden into a tropical paradise. Some plants from the tropics are surprisingly hardy, and others from sub-tropical zones look surprisingly tropical. This talk will demonstrate how to turn any garden space into a lush, green oasis. **FREE.**



Evening Lecture: New Perennial Introductions—From the Breeder to Your Garden
Wednesday, April 25, 7 pm
Wesley United Methodist Church
2540 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017

As you think about your garden, mail-order catalogs featuring new plants will excite your horticultural fantasies. Undoubtedly you'll be tempted with glamorous photographs and sumptuous descriptions, but how do you know if these plants will truly perform in your garden? This lecture by **Kevin Staso**, sales director for North Creek Nurseries, will take a tantalizing look at a variety of newly introduced perennials as well as proven favorites. The lecture is co-sponsored by PHS and the Hardy Plant Society and will be followed by light refreshments. Directions will be mailed with confirmation letters. **Fee: $10 members of PHS and the Hardy Plant Society, $20 non-members.**

PECO Green Roof Tours
Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, April through October, 5 pm
2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

Want to learn about exciting green roof technology and how it helps the environment? PHS's popular monthly tours of the green roof at the downtown headquarters of PECO begin Tuesday, April 17 at 5 pm. Spanning more than 45,000 square feet, the PECO green roof features an observation deck and stunning views of downtown Philadelphia. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Limit 25 people per tour. Fee: $5 members, $10 non-members. Must register at least two business days before each tour.**

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee:	$

Name:_____ Member ID#: _____

Name of guest (if any):_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Telephone: _____ Email_____

Method of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed. OR Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard or ☐ American Express

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☐ I/We would like to support PHS education programs.
Donation amount: _____ (select payment method above).

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. To register, visit *pennhort.net/eventregistration* or fill out the form on this page and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) PHS retains a $5 cancellation fee.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org*.

Education Programs

PHS Garden Visits
PHS Members and Guests Only
Sunday, May 20, 12 noon–5 pm
The Main Line
Sunday, June 10, 12 noon–5 pm
Gwynedd, PA, area

PHS members will visit exceptional private gardens on the "Main Line," in the Philadelphia suburbs, and in the Gwynedd, PA, area. Access to these popular self-guided tours is an exclusive benefit for PHS members and their guests. We will provide garden descriptions, driving directions, and maps. You are free to visit any of the gardens during the five-hour period when they are open. **Fee: $15 members, $30 member guests/each date.** To register, please visit *pennhort.net/event registration* or call 215-988-8869.

COACH TRIPS

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Brooklyn Museum

Wednesday, May 23, 8 am–6 pm
approximately
Brooklyn, NY

The **Brooklyn Botanic Garden** encompasses 52 acres of specialty garden areas, plant collections, and conservatories with more than 10,000 taxa of plants. The world-class collections and gardens include cherry trees, roses, a Japanese hill and pond garden, a Shakespeare garden, fragrance garden, herb garden, native plants, and an Italianate garden. The Steinhardt Conservatory houses one of the oldest Bonsai collections in the country, an aquatic house, tropicals, orchids, and a desert collection.

Adjacent to the Botanic Garden, the **Brooklyn Museum** is the home of the collection left by Laura Barnes, the wife of Dr. Albert Barnes and founder of the horticulture program at the Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation. The Museum has since amassed one of the largest and most diverse collections in the United States, ranging from the ancient to the contemporary and encompassing virtually all the world's principal cultures, reflecting the institution's long history of acquiring Western and non-Western art. The day includes a guided tour of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, lunch on our own, and a self-guided tour of the Brooklyn Museum.

Bus departs from the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park at 8 am and from PHS at 8:15. Please indicate preferred pickup location. **Limit 36. Fee: $110 members, $120 non-members, includes bus travel, entrance and tour fees, and snacks and wine on the bus.**

Photo by Dave Allen

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Storm King Art Center

Thursday, June 14, 7 am–7 pm
approximately
Mountainville, NY

Widely celebrated as one of the world's leading sculpture parks, Storm King Art Center is located one hour north of New York City in the lower Hudson Valley. The 500-acre landscape of fields, hills, and woodlands provides the setting for a collection of more than 100 carefully sited sculptures created by some of the most acclaimed artists of our time. The art collection comprises more than 100 sculptures dating from post-World War II to the present and specially commissioned site-specific works for which the landscape itself has been fashioned to work in harmony with the art. The collection focuses on large-scale abstract sculpture, much of it in steel, and also includes figurative work and sculpture in stone, earth, and other materials. Our trip will include a boxed lunch at the café, and guided tram and walking tours of the collections.

Bus departs the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park at 7 am and from PHS at 7:15. Please indicate preferred pickup location. **Limit 40. Fee: $110 members, $120 non-members, includes bus travel, entrance and tour fees, lunch, and snacks and wine on the bus.**

IN THE GARDEN

Lighting up Your Landscape

Tuesday, May 22, 7–9 pm
Aston, PA

Nighttime lighting in the garden is too often an afterthought, even though we spend hours in the garden in the cool of the evening. This dusk-to-dark garden transition "walkabout" in **Steven and Jacqui Katz's** lovely Delaware County garden will showcase the diverse lighting techniques they have used to make their garden inviting all night long. Steven will answer questions as you collect dozens of ideas for turning your garden into a 24-hour-a-day paradise. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Dr. Barad's greenhouse

A Plant Connoisseur's Paradise

Wednesday, June 6, 10 am–12 noon
Flemington, NJ

For more than half a century, **Dr. Gerald and Beatrice Barad** have been cultivating a spectacular collection of cacti and succulents in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. A retired obstetrician, Dr. Barad is a serious student of succulent plants, has traveled extensively, and has published his findings in national and international journals. His area of specialization is stapeliads (succulents in the *Apocynaceae*, or milkweed family), but he grows much more, including impressive collections of *Haworthia* and *Echeveria*, housing many of his rare plants in two greenhouses. The surrounding gardens feature picturesque vistas, hardy cactus and succulent rockeries, a koi pond, bamboo grove, orchards, sheep pasture, a giant vegetable garden, and carefully tended borders with annuals and dozens of large *Brugmansia*. Sit around the pool and enjoy your brown-bag lunch after the tour. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Save the date: Woody Plant Conference

Wednesday, July 25
Villanova University
Villanova, PA

Designed for professionals and avid gardeners, the Woody Plant Conference is co-sponsored by PHS, Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, Tyler Arboretum, and Villanova University. It will be held this year at Villanova University. For more information and to pre-register, please visit *woodyplantconference.org*.

TRAVEL WITH PHS

PHS Travels to Southern India—Tea, Spices, and the Power of Plants

January 11–25, 2013

Photo by Allison Rulon-Miller

Join PHS in January 2013 for a fascinating exploration of the flora and gardens of South India. Our 15-day, 14-night trip will showcase the early role of gardens and plants in medicinal, religious, culinary, commercial, and leisure activities in India. It will also illustrate how these roles and activities evolved in the colonial era and after independence from Britain. We will visit Mughal-style terrace gardens; British-style botanical gardens; and lively flower, vegetable, and spice markets. We will also visit colonial-era hill stations where tea, coffee, and spice plantations still abound and learn about current programs to help thousands of small tea growers throughout India.

Current plant conservation and research activities will be explored through visits to two botanical sanctuaries. At one we will find rare impatiens and orchids native to the Western Ghat Mountains of Kerala, and at the other we will discover myriad tropical trees and plants, including the largest collection of gingers in India. Finally, we will learn about the Indian discipline of Ayurveda, an ancient art of healing and wellness incorporating medicinal plants, controlled diet, and mind-body exercise.

Our itinerary also includes some of South India's most memorable sites, such as the Amba Vilas Palace in Mysore, the serene backwaters of Kerala, and the Portuguese- and Dutch-influenced town of Kochi. Optional trip extensions to the Golden Triangle (Delhi/Agra/Jaipur) and to Kolkata will also be offered. **For more information, please contact Chela Kleiber at *ckleiber@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8775.**

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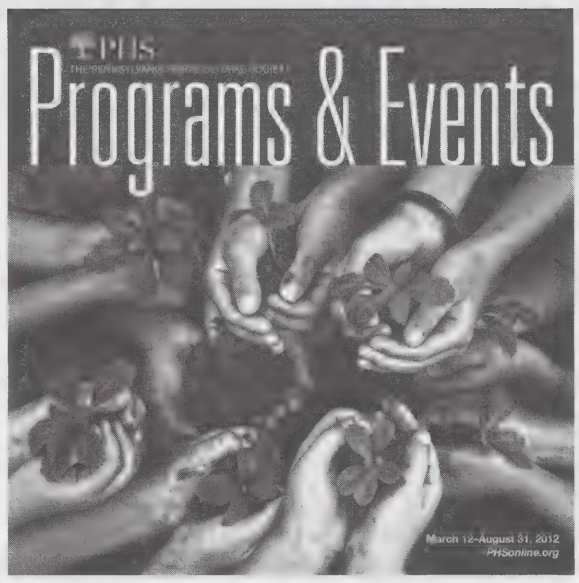
PHS Publishes Catalog of Programs & Events

The PHS Programs & Events catalog is here! Covering spring and summer 2012, the catalog includes 100 programs on a variety of gardening topics, including kids' activities, trips, workshops, garden tours, classes, volunteer opportunities, and more, all in one convenient place. In addition to programs at PHS headquarters and other locations in the region, there is a roster of year-round offerings at four PHS educational "hubs," including PHS's Meadowbrook Farm, Chanticleer, Hortulus Farm Nursery & Gardens, and the Salvation Army Kroc Center of Philadelphia. To view the catalog online or print at home, please visit *PHSonline.org*.



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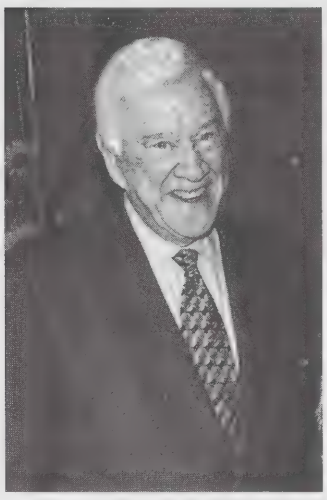
Remembering Herb Clarke

By Betsie Blodgett



Herb Clarke was a true gentleman and gardener, and PHS is sorry to have lost this dear friend and devoted volunteer in January.

Herb first started volunteering for PHS when past president Jane Pepper asked him to chair the then-new City Gardens Contest more than 30 years ago. He was at the height of his career as the Channel 10 weatherman, known to everyone in the Delaware Valley who had a television set. Herb thankfully said yes, and thus began a long and happy affiliation with PHS.

Given Herb's passion for gardening—he grew the tastiest tomatoes for miles around—the Philadelphia Flower Show was a natural fit. He chaired the Show from 1987 to 1989, and served for many years as an Infonet volunteer. Visitors were delighted to discover that the volunteer wearing a bright pink pinney and answering their questions in that distinctive baritone was none other than Herb Clarke. He was also a stalwart member of the Men's Garden Club, pitching in to construct their Flower Show exhibits, shoveling mulch, planting trees—and happily celebrating when they won yet another blue ribbon and silver trophy for their efforts.

Herb was also a member of the PHS Council and Executive Committee, helping to lead the organization in many ways beyond the Flower Show. Volunteers and staff alike adored Herb for his tireless work, good humor, and dedication to carry out PHS's mission *to motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.*

We will miss you, Herb—you inspired us in so many ways, and we are grateful for your tremendous impact on PHS for three decades.

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A Dream Realized

Hawthorne Park Opens in South Philadelphia

LRSLAstudio

Since 2003, residents of the Hawthorne section of South Philadelphia have been working hard to make a dream come true. And it is happening this month with the unveiling of Hawthorne Park.

Patricia Bullard is president of the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition (HEC), one of the key organizations that led the fight for the park, despite a daunting series of setbacks and challenges over many years. "The park will be wonderful," says Bullard. "It will give people open space and a place where children can play."

The Philadelphia Housing Authority in 1999 had demolished a high-rise residential building at 12th and Catharine streets and created new townhouses in the vicinity, leaving a square block of empty land. Nearby neighbors saw the parcel as a place for what their densely populated community needed most—an open green space for all to enjoy.

Beginning in 2004, PHS took a leading role in making the park a reality, organizing a number of "charettes" (participatory design workshops) over several years to gather input from the community on usage of the park and the evolving plans for its design.

"Several themes emerged from those meetings," explains PHS parks team manager Tammy Leigh DeMent, who served as community liaison. "People wanted a 'passive park,' a restful place to relax and enjoy the outdoors—there's a recreation center a few block away. They were concerned about safety, and they also wanted to honor the neighborhood's musical history." Hawthorne was for a time the home of jazz great Dizzy Gillespie, and the R&B group Boyz II Men originally formed at the nearby Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts. "Also, folks wanted to acknowledge the fact that the demolished towers were named for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and that he once gave a major speech in the neighborhood," adds DeMent.

With funding in place from The Pew Charitable Trusts, the William Penn Foundation, the city, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, construction finally began in March 2011.

Michael Athay, a board member and treasurer for HEC, says he was impressed with the level of community participation. "There certainly were a lot of opportunities for the community to weigh in," says Athay. "I think it's fair to say that there is strong consensus on the park's design and usage."

In 2008, PHS hired the landscape architecture firm LRSLAstudio to design the park. The firm worked in partnership with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, which now holds a 99-year lease to the land, is overseeing the construction, and is using this park as a benchmark for lifting up standards of future parks. The design includes a large open lawn area, a raised performance platform, open sightlines for safety, and a tree-lined perimeter. Through the city's Percent for Art ordinance, which requires that newly constructed projects set aside funds for original artwork, Philadelphia artist Warren Holzman was commissioned to create a special podium, inpsired by King's oratory, for impromptu speeches, readings, or performances.

"It took a lot of hard work," says PHS's DeMent, "but in the end this community is getting a park that is really very special."

Says Bullard, "We were tenacious. We didn't give up."

A Truly "Green" Space

Hawthorne Park incorporates several features that help the environment and that meet the Philadelphia Water Department's requirements for capturing stormwater as part of its "Green Cities, Clean Water" initiative.

According to Brad Thornton of the LRSLAstudio landscape architecture firm, the park will infiltrate virtually all rainwater that falls on it. "The Water Department considers it 100-percent 'disconnected' from the sewer system," says Thornton. The main lawn is gently graded inward and has an underground sand layer to absorb water. There are 6,000 square feet of permeable paving, as well as a high-efficiency irrigation system that includes moisture sensors to keep it from operating unnecessarily. The tree canopy that will eventually cover the sidewalks, once newly planted trees are mature, will also retain rainwater.

Even the paving stones are green, with a relatively low "carbon footprint." They were purchased from a company in Ohio and shipped by rail to New Jersey, leaving only a short truck ride to the park site. The stones are made of clay, which, unlike concrete, requires no mining.

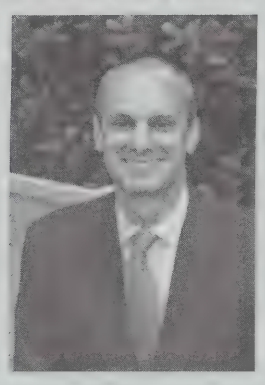
Please see page 4 for a special notice for PHS members and a proxy form for you to sign and return. Thank you.

2013 Philadelphia Flower Show Promises to be "Brilliant!"

The 2013 Philadelphia Flower Show, **"Brilliant!"**, opening the first week of March, will celebrate the contemporary culture, design, gardens, and landscapes of Great Britain. "Britain represents 1,000 years of art and design, theater and performance, architecture and horticulture, culminating in the sophisticated cityscape and landscapes of modern London," says Sam Lemheney, PHS senior vice president of shows and events. The central feature of the 2013 Show will focus on London and how it has influenced the modern world. Visit *theflowershow.com* for more information.

2012 Flower Show Pops Up

Although the 2012 Flower Show ended months ago, the aloha spirit lives on. Two prominent downtown hotels have given tropical plants from *Islands of Aloha* a new life this summer. The Hoffman Design Group, which designs and installs plants for many area businesses, has used plants from the 2012 Flower Show in attractive planters at the Bellevue and Ritz Carlton hotels—both located on Broad Street south of City Hall. Above, a mixed planting includes palms from the Flower Show outside the Ritz Carlton.



Bylaws Changes, Special Meeting

Spring has been a wonderfully busy season for PHS staff, enthusiastic volunteers, and dedicated partners. In addition to terrific events such as the Junior Flower Show and the Meadowbrook Farm Open House, we've covered a lot of ground planting trees all over the Greater Philadelphia Region through Plant One Million.

Plant One Million is an extraordinary project that encompasses 13 counties in three states. We have made great progress—through the end of April, individuals, groups, and communities have planted more than 155,000 trees. With your help, I know we will reach our goal. If you planted a tree this spring, please visit *Plantonemillion.org* to add yours to the count.

We've also been busy exploring new ways of doing business here at PHS. Thanks to a grant from the William Penn Foundation, we are writing a new Flower Show business plan, updating our website, and looking at new civic landscape projects. We have also been working to bring our governance structure in-line with contemporary models.

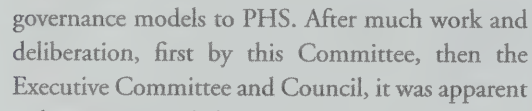
As you read through this edition of *PHS News,* you will see on page 4 an official notice of a special meeting on June 27, as well as a proxy form. One year ago, the PHS Council formed an ad-hoc committee, led by Vice-Chair Howard L. Meyers, to review PHS's governance structure. This committee looked at other prominent nonprofits in Philadelphia—the Franklin Institute, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Zoo, and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, to name a few—and compared their governance models to PHS. After much work and deliberation, first by this Committee, then the Executive Committee and Council, it was apparent a change was needed.

On April 18, our PHS Council voted to recommend the adoption of an amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to eliminate the voting rights of members. Simply put, if approved, PHS members would no longer elect people to Council or vote on any other PHS matters, and a board of directors would be formed to oversee the governance of PHS.

Having a self-perpetuating board of directors would help PHS become more efficient, effective, and better able to carry out our mission *to motivate people to improve the quality of life and create a sense of community through horticulture.* Please be assured that our members remain vitally important to PHS, and we encourage everyone to participate in our various programs and events throughout the year and to share your ideas and feedback with us.

I hope you will take a moment to read the notice and then vote by returning your signed proxy to PHS as soon as possible. You may also review the Amended and Restated PHS Bylaws we have posted on the Membership page of the PHS website, *PHSonline.org.*

As always, thank you for everything you do for PHS, and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.



Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Hot Container Tips

Don't let your containers stand neglected this summer. Replace your spring plants with summer annuals! Meadowbrook Farm has the perfect plants that won't make you a slave to watering. Heat- and drought-resistant annuals have great color and will last well into the fall. Pick a cool palette of blues and greens with sedums and artemesias, or spice things up with a vibrant pink Bougainvillea, yellow gazania, or orange portulaca. Whether you bring your own containers or choose from Meadowbrook's wide selection, a variety of potted combinations will liven up your patio, deck, or terrace. The Meadowbrook staff can also help you select the right soil, water-saving additives, and fertilizers to get your plants off to a great start.

When you visit, be sure to ask what will be available by late August and early September so that you can start planning your fall vegetable garden. In addition to lettuce and spinach for a seasonal salad, why not try some Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and cool-season herbs—a perfect mix for making a platter of delicious roasted vegetables this fall. Hope to see you at Meadowbrook!

MEADOWBROOK FARM

1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*

From L to R: Phillies Phanatic; Marc Bruno, president of ARAMARK Sports & Entertainment; Drew Becher, PHS president; and David Montgomery, president of the Phillies.

Plant One Million Scores a Home Run

Plant One Million is teaming up with the Philadelphia Phillies and ARAMARK to bring you **Home Runs for Trees,** a match made in Philadelphia heaven! For each home run hit by a Phillies player during the 2012 regular season, Plant One Million will plant a tree to support the one-million-trees goal. The trees will be planted in parks, municipalities, and watershed areas throughout the 13-county region at the end of the baseball season. Visit *PlantOneMillion.org* for more information.

In the Spotlight

Miriam Galster

For more than two decades, Miriam Galster has been a loyal PHS volunteer. A retired school nurse, she enjoys taking care of plants and gardens perhaps as much as she did taking care of children.

Miriam is a founding member of the volunteer group that tends the dramatic gardens at the Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site in the city's Fairmount section. The volunteers not only maintain the plantings, pull weeds, and add annuals, but also remove trash that accumulates in the deep terraced planters. Normally the group works in the gardens from April through November, but work started earlier than usual this year because of the warm weather. so Miriam and other volunteers began cleaning the beds in March so that the daffodils could be fully appreciated.

"I've always enjoyed it," says Miriam, who lives nearby. "I'm just so glad I got involved. I meet so many interesting people."

Miriam also volunteers at the Flower Show; this year she worked at the membership booth and the PHS exhibit. "People were really into it," she says of the PHS exhibit. "That lettuce wall—everyone had to have their picture taken in front of it. Even the couple that got married at the Show had their picture taken there."

In the summer, Miriam loves visiting gardens throughout Philadelphia as a judge for the annual PHS City Gardens Contest (see page 3 for information). "That's really fun," she says. "You get into the different neighborhoods and meet great people and see so many interesting things. It's really enjoyable."

Community involvement runs in Miriam's family. Her husband, Geoffrey Schulz, helps plant and care for trees in the couple's neighborhood through the PHS Tree Tenders program. When Miriam is not volunteering for PHS, she creates flower arrangements for special occasions at St. Francis Church at 24th and Greene streets.

Miriam loves being a part of PHS's efforts to beautify the city's civic landscapes. She says, "It makes the city look so nice, all the green spaces and the flowers. Just beautiful."

BECOME A PHS TREE TENDER!

Fall Training Sessions

PHS's Tree Tenders® training program offers hands-on tree care education for residents of the five-county Philadelphia region. The nine-hour course covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community. ISA, PA LA, Act 48 and PLNA credit available. This course is not appropriate for children under 16. Fee: $25. Pre-registration is required. Register online at *pennhort.net/eventregistration* or call Dawn Waters at 215-988-8845.

Chester County
Tuesdays, September 11, 18 & 25, 6–9 pm
Green Valleys Association at Welkinweir
1368 Prizer Road
Pottstown, PA 19465

Philadelphia
Wednesdays, October 3, 10, & 17, 5:45–8:45 pm
PHS, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Help PHS Meet a School Gardening Challenge Grant

We are just $2,500 away from meeting a $10,000 challenge grant awarded last fall by the Hamilton Family Foundation for the **Green City Teachers** program. Green City Teachers is a popular PHS education program that equips Philadelphia educators with the skills to start school gardening programs and integrate horticultural education into their classrooms. The Hamilton Family Foundation has pledged $10,000 if PHS can raise an equal amount in new or increased support. Please consider making a donation today. For more information, contact David Schneck at 215-988-1624 or ***dschneck@pennhort.org***.

Grant News

PHS is proud to announce recent grant awards for Plant One Million and associated tree-planting activities. We extend our thanks to these generous funders:

- Pennsylvania Forestry Council, $27,500
- Pennsylvania Lumbermens Mutual Insurance, $15,000
- FMC Corporation, $10,000

Pick Your Own Peaches

Friday, August 9 | 10:30 am–12 noon
Linvilla Orchards | Media, PA 19063

Take a day off from back-to-school preparations and join PHS for a morning of peach picking at Linvilla Orchards. Enjoy a hayride out to the orchard and a memorable morning spent picking peaches with your kids or grandkids. No trip to Linvilla is complete without stopping to see the animals and a visit to the Playland Playground. Linvilla will offer a **20% discount for PHS members** on the peaches you pick as well as 20% off plant purchases in the garden center. Please register at ***pennhort.net/eventregistration*** **or 215-988-8876.**

Save the Dates!

PHS Fall Garden Festival
September 22, 2012
Philadelphia Navy Yard
PHSonline.org

Meadowbrook Farm Open House
Saturday, October 6, 2012
Meadowbrook Farm
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
meadowbrookfarm.org

PHS Recognizes Great Gardeners!

PHS City Gardens Contest

Entry deadline June 10

The annual PHS City Gardens Contest offers Philadelphia gardeners the opportunity to compete for honors in several categories—from tiny rooftop gardens to expansive community gardens. Deadline to enter is June 10. Volunteer judges are also needed and are chosen for their accomplishments and horticultural expertise. Judges need not be Philadelphia residents. For more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897. For an entry form, visit *PHSonline.org* and click on "PHS Events."

PHS Community Greening Award

Nomination deadline July 15

The PHS Community Greening Award celebrates those who have improved their communities throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware by beautifying main streets, public parks, train stations, churches, schoolyards, libraries, traffic islands, and other publicly accessible spaces. Deadline for nominations is July 15. For more information, please contact Flossie Narducci at *fnarducci@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8897.

Important Notice for PHS Members

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012, at 1:30 pm

A Special Meeting of the members of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society ("PHS" or the "Corporation") will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 for the following purposes:

- To adopt an amendment to Article VIII of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation to provide that the Corporation shall have no members.
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the Special Meeting.

If the amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is adopted by the members, PHS will thereafter have no members with voting rights. As a result of the amendment to the Bylaws, which has been adopted by Council effective upon the filing of Articles of Amendment with the Pennsylvania Department of State, the governance of PHS will reside in a self-sustaining Board of Directors and a new body, to be called the Council, will be advisory only. The Amended and Restated Bylaws as adopted by Council is available for your information at *www.PHSonline.org,* click on Membership.

The Council has fixed the close of business on May 1, 2012 [not more than seventy days before the Special Meeting] as the record date for determining the members entitled to notice of and to vote at the Special Meeting. Only members of record at that time are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Special Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

You are cordially invited to attend the Special Meeting in person. To insure your representation at the Special Meeting, please complete, sign and date the proxy form below and return it promptly to PHS. If you choose, you may still vote in person at the Special Meeting even though you previously submitted a proxy. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. The presence in person or by proxy of 200 members of PHS shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Special Meeting. The amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation will be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of the members present at the Special Meeting entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes which all members present at the Special Meeting are entitled to cast thereon.

Dated: May 1, 2012

W. Thacher Brown
Secretary

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PROXY

The undersigned member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society ("PHS") hereby appoints Morris Cheston, Jr., and Julia B. Fisher, and each of them, attorneys and proxies, with power of substitution in each of them, to vote and act for and on behalf of the undersigned at the Special Meeting of the members to be held at 100 North 20th Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 and at all postponements and adjournments thereof to the extent that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present upon the matters described below, hereby revoking any proxy heretofore executed by the undersigned, (i) as specified by the undersigned below and (ii) in the discretion of any proxy upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting, all as set forth in the Notice of the Special Meeting, a copy of which has been received by the undersigned, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys and proxies may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The proxies are directed to vote as follows:

1. Adoption of the amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of PHS, as described in the Notice of the Special Meeting:

   ❍ FOR ❍ AGAINST

2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

This proxy is solicited on behalf of the Council, which recommends a vote "FOR" the adoption of the amendment.

_____
Signature

Print Name: _____

Dated: _____

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THIS PROXY AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY TO:

PHS
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Philadelphia, PA 19103
Fax: 215-988-8810

Education Programs

SAVE TIME—REGISTER ONLINE!

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MEMBER PRICING ONLINE

To take advantage of member pricing when registering online, you must **create a PHS user account on our website.** In addition to receiving special member pricing, a user account lets you update your contact information, access your giving history, indicate your interests, and renew your membership all in one convenient place! New user accounts may take up to 24 hours to be activated. If you have not already done so, you can create a user account by visiting *www.pennhort.net/myaccount*.

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 North 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

The Pleasures of Tea—An Evening Tasting Workshop
Wednesday, June 20, 6 pm

Join PHS and international tea expert **Anupa Mueller** for an evening of discovery about the cultivation and enjoyment of tea. We will taste and compare eight to ten different teas from renowned tea regions of the world, with an emphasis on India and China, including black, green, Oolong, flavored, and decaffeinated varieties. With a nod to the upcoming PHS trip to South India, high-quality Darjeeling, Assam, and Nilgiri teas also will be included. A brief introduction will cover the history and origin of tea; growing, harvesting, and manufacturing methods; seasonal variations in tea; and pointers on how best to steep and store tea.

Anupa Mueller was raised in Darjeeling, India, and is a world-class expert on the cultivation and enjoyment of fine teas and the global movement toward sustainable growing methods and fair-trade commerce. She is the owner and founder of Eco-Prima Tea in Tarrytown, New York.

After the tea tasting, **Allison Rulon-Miller**, founder of From Lost to Found Travel, will introduce the upcoming trip to South India in January 2013. The McLean Library will be open until 5:45 this evening. **Limit: 50. Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Tips on Garden Photography
Wednesday, June 20, 12 noon–1 pm
PHS McLean Library

Tired of bleached-out, too-dark, fuzzy, uninteresting photos of your garden and plants? Learn a few tips and tricks from PHS publications director **Pete Prown**, and turn yourself into a much better garden photographer. **Free.**

Cityscapes—Portraits of Logan Square with Colored Pencil
Thursday, June 28, 9:30 am–3 pm
Logan Square (Meet at PHS)

Join us for a springtime plein air workshop with **Eileen Rosen** at Logan Square in Center City Philadelphia, the crown jewel of the Paris-influenced Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which has been beautifully renovated by PHS and partners. Instruction will include how to sketch a simple working drawing and slowly build up and blend layers of vibrant colors to create a charming, miniature portrait of the site. A supplies list will be sent with your confirmation. We will meet promptly at 9:30 at the PHS McLean Library and walk a few blocks to Logan Square at 10 am. **Limit 12. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Meadowbrook Farm
1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046

Children's Classes at Meadowbrook Farm
Co-Hosted by Pennypack Farm & Education Center

Bring the young ones to Meadowbrook Farm for hands-on gardening and outdoor fun. Classes are offered for two age groups: "Little Seeds" (3–4 years) and Little Sprouts (5–6 years). Preregistration and payment are required in advance. Refunds and make-ups are not available for missed classes. Siblings aged 2 and under are welcome to tag along free of charge. **For a list of programs and to register, please visit *PennypackFarm.org*.**

Terrariums!
Thursday, June 7, 6–8 pm

What could be better than to brighten your home with a lush, green, miniature world under glass? Only certain plants can grow in a glass terrarium, and the planting procedure requires special attention. But once assembled, your mini plant world is easy to care for. You may either bring your own terrarium container or purchase one at the program. Soil, moss, and an assortment of small plants will be provided, along with a complimentary glass of wine. **Limit: 20. Fee: $35 members, $45 non-members.**

Succulent Wreaths
Thursday, June 14, 6–8 pm

Impress your friends and family with a living wreath you design and create yourself. Meadowbrook Farm staff will demonstrate how to use succulent plants such as sedum and sempervivum to fill a 10-inch frame filled with soil and moss. The finished creation can hang outdoors, including in the winter, or serve as a table centerpiece. Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine as you work. **Limit: 20. Fee: $45 members, $55 non-members.**

Planning the Fall Vegetable Garden
Saturday, June 16, 10 am–12 noon

Does your vegetable garden begin to wane as the heat of summer sets in? Are you not sure what to do next? There isn't time for more tomatoes and beans, but fall is a great time to grow greens such as lettuce, kale, Swiss chard, spinach, and arugula, as well as fun and funky vegetables you may not have tried before. We will learn how to plan for direct sowing and transplants as well as how to protect your tender plants when frost threatens. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

The Horticulture of Wine
Thursday, June 21, 6–8 pm

Wine is now America's number-one alcoholic beverage, but did you know that the most important part of wine is horticulture? "Wine isn't made," as the saying goes, "it is grown." Environmental educator **Brenda Sullivan** will

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. Register online at *pennhort.org/eventregistration*, or fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may also register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) PHS retains a $5 cancellation fee.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

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Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee:	$

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review the history of wine through the ages, as well as recent trends that have made wine popular. She'll explore varieties, pathogens, pesticides, pruning, and environmental issues. This session will conclude with a wine tasting, including local sustainable wine that will wow you! **Fee: $45 members, $55 non-members.**

Cooking with Herbs
Thursday, July 12, 6–8 pm

Savor the favors and scents of herbs in your summer cooking. Meadowbrook Farm staff will show you how and will introduce new varieties of herbs that you might know. You'll also learn how to use herbs in new and interesting ways. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Edibles in Containers
Saturday, July 21, 10 am–12 noon

Fresh home-grown vegetables are one of the greatest joys of gardening, but what about those of us who don't have the space for a vegetable patch? Contrary to conventional thinking, vegetables don't necessarily require a lot of space—and they can be beautiful, too. Meadowbrook Farm staff will discuss varieties that enliven your containers and fit well in tight spaces. Even if you have only a windowsill or fire escape, you can enjoy beautiful and delectable vegetables. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Sensational Succulents
Thursday, July 26, 6–8 pm

Succulents are hugely popular plants with high aesthetic impact. Requiring little maintenance, their popularity has soared. They're cute in tea cups or make bold statements in large tins and tubs of all sizes. **Brenda Sullivan** will talk about their native habitats, unique anatomy, diverse forms, and evolution. You'll make a dish garden to take home and enjoy. **Fee: $45 PHS member, $55 non-members.**

The Beauty of Birds' Nests
Saturday, July 28, 1–3 pm

Hail the many wonders of birds' nests! Nests provide eggs and chicks with structural support, a suitable microclimate, and protection from predators and the elements. Take a peek into the world of bird nesting in this engaging session. The first half chronicles a pair of wood thrushes as they raise their two chicks, and the second half is a fun guessing game about types of nests and the materials birds use to build them. Dress for the weather. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Canning and Preserving
Thursday, August 9, 6–8 pm

There is nothing better than opening a jar of homemade salsa, canned peaches, or pickles in the dead of winter. Canning and preserving are great ways to savor your harvest all year long. With a little bit of time and elbow-grease, and with wine and good company, you can learn how to preserve your garden's bounty. Bring your creative kitchen ideas and your favorite paring knife. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

The Fascinating World of Orchids
Thursday, August 30, 6–8 pm

Orchids make up a large family of plants containing the world's smallest seed, most exotic flowers, and most intriguing methods of pollination. They were valued in nineteenth-century England as love potions, fertility aids, medicine, and more. Join environmental educator **Brenda Sullivan** as she talks about the fascinating world of orchids. Learn about their history and how to care for them. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT THE SALVATION ARMY KROC CENTER OF PHILADELPHIA
4200 Wissahickon Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19129

Caring for Your Houseplants
Thursday, June 14, 6–7:30 pm

Houseplants can seem like a mystery if you don't know how to care for them. Get useful tips that will help your plants thrive like never before. **Fee: $15.**

Kitchen Garden in a Pot
Thursday, July 19, 6–7:30 pm

Learn great tips for growing herbs and vegetables in pots and hanging baskets using a variety of plants. **Fee: $15.**

Harvesting and Preserving Food
Thursday, August 23, 6–7:30 pm

There is nothing better than opening a jar of homemade salsa, canned peaches, or pickles in the dead of winter. Learn time-saving tips and advice for freezing, canning, and drying the garden's bounty. **Fee: $15.**

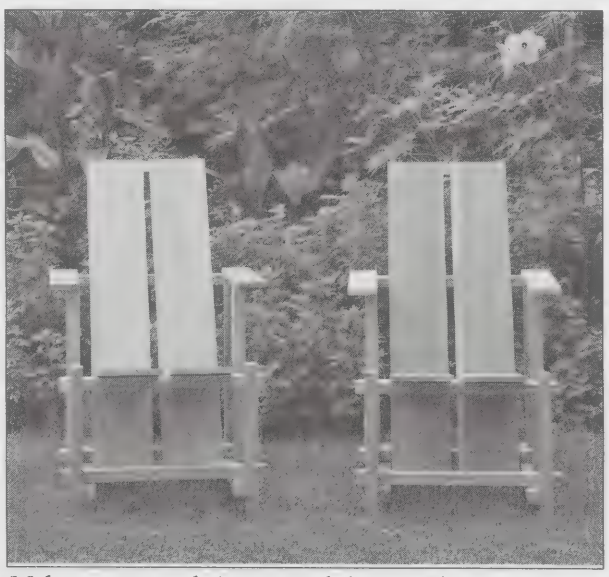
PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
Chanticleer
786 Church Rd.
Wayne, PA 19087

Walk: Small Space Big Impact—From How? To Wow!
Thursday, June 7, 6–8 pm

Do you have a small backyard or garden and struggle to come up with the right design? Should the design be open and sparse or full and dense? How do you achieve a lush effect with limited planting space? Join **Jonathan Wright** for a walk through many of the smaller and more intimate spaces at Chanticleer. You'll see great plants and get design ideas to help you make the most impact in small areas. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Unusual Perennials for Sun and Shade
Wednesday, June 13, 6–8 pm

Spice up your perennial borders and containers with the fresh colors, textures, and shapes of new or underused plants. **Lisa Roper** will highlight less-familiar varieties that will have your visitors asking, "What are those awesome plants?" **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**



Make your own chair at a workshop at Chanticleer on June 28.

Workshop: Make Your Own Garden Chair
Thursday, June 28, 6–8 pm

Join **Dan Benarcik** for a hands-on workshop during which you will build a garden chair. This timeless and comfortable design, adapted by Dan from a version popularized in the garden at Wave Hill in the Bronx, is suitable for any garden setting. Using red cedar and stainless steel hardware, you can take pride in creating your own durable, useful, and handsome outdoor chair at a significant discount from the retail price. Precut materials and instruction will be provided. Your enthusiasm and a cordless drill are all you need to supply. Chairs retail for $245, additional chairs are available for purchase. **Limit 12. Fee: $180 members, $200 non-members.**

Walk: Hot Flashy Containers
Wednesday, July 11, 6–8 pm

These hot plant combinations will give you chills! **Terry Struve** will present a tour of Chanticleer's celebrated containers, for sun and shade, suggesting new, eye-catching plant palettes to try at home. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: House and Garden Tour
Wednesday, July 18, 6–8 pm

Built in 1913, Chanticleer was part of the Country Place Era of the late 1800s and early 1900s, when many businessmen and industrialists built expansive country estates away from the noise and congestion of cities. Designed initially as a summer home close to railroad transportation from Philadelphia, the house was enlarged in 1924 to become a year-round residence. This tour will include the ground floor of the main house with an emphasis on the relationship of the house to the greater landscape. We will learn about house contents and family history from archivist **Anne Sims**, and **Joe Henderson** will discuss the gardens. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Unusual Annuals
Thursday, July 26, 6–8 pm

It's time for a change! Make your garden the envy of your neighbors. Chanticleer is famous for unusual plants and combinations, and **Jonathan Wright** will suggest some of the newest and most reliable annuals for you to try in your containers, beds, and borders. He will also suggest more familiar annuals to use in unusual ways. **Limit 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members**

Workshop: Leaf Casting 101
Wednesday, August 1, 6–8 pm

Join Chanticleer's **Terry Struve** and **Jonathan Wright** and make a cast-leaf sculpture to use in your own garden. Using a tried-and-true concrete mix, you'll capture the beauty of summer's best to treasure forever. You will receive a leaf to use as a mold for your creation and choose from a number of dyes to customize your sculpture. The recipe you learn will enable you to create more sculptures from your own garden. **Limit: 20. Fee: $30 members, $35 non-members.**

Walk: Sustainable Chanticleer
Wednesday, August 15, 6–8 pm

The "Green Movement" is catching on everywhere, and Chanticleer has undertaken a strategic goal to safeguard our environment. **Joe Henderson** will interpret how Chanticleer's green practices can help us change our impact on the planet's limited resources every time we garden. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Bounty Hunters
Wednesday, August 22, 6–8 pm

Join **Doug Croft** for a stroll through Chanticleer's vegetable garden and cold frames to explore what is ripe for harvest. He will highlight some of the oddities in the vegetable world and discuss ways to prepare them that will tantalize your palate. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Education Programs

PROGRAMS AT HORTULUS FARM NURSERY & GARDENS

60 Thompson Mill Rd.
Wrightstown, PA 18940

Workshop: Miniature Garden Portraits in Colored Pencil

Thursday, June 21, 10 am–3 pm

In this workshop led by **Eileen Rosen**, you'll create a charming, miniature "portrait" from your favorite garden niche at Hortulus Farm Garden. Using smooth, vibrant, wax-based Prismacolor colored pencils, you will learn how to simplify, reduce, and reinterpret the details of the larger landscape and mix, layer, and blend the colors of nature. Step-by-step demonstrations and individual instruction will be provided. Beginners are welcome! Bring a brown-bag lunch. **Limit 10. Fee: $50 members, $60 non-members.**

Walk/Demonstration: Ornamental Vegetable Gardening

Tuesday, July 31, 6–8 pm

Jack Staub, co-owner of Hortulus Farm, will walk us through the elegant vegetable garden highlighting techniques from designing to staking, focusing on vegetables he favors for their physical beauty and excellent taste. Jack is the author of several gardening books, including *75 Exciting Vegetables for Your Garden.* **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

OTHER LOCATIONS

PECO Green Roof Tours

Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 5 pm
through October
2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

Want to learn about exciting green roof technology and how it helps the environment? PHS's popular monthly tours of the green roof at the downtown headquarters of PECO begin Tuesday, April 17 at 5 pm. Spanning more than 45,000 square feet, the PECO green roof features an observation deck and stunning views of downtown Philadelphia. Tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Limit 25 people per tour. Fee: $5 members, $10 non-members. Must register at least two business days before each tour.**

PHS Garden Visits
PHS Members and Guests Only

Sunday, June 10, 12 noon–5 pm
Gwynedd, PA, area

PHS members will visit exceptional private gardens in the Gwynedd, PA, area. Access to these popular self-guided tours is an exclusive benefit for PHS members and their guests. We will provide garden descriptions, driving directions, and maps. You are free to visit any of the gardens during the five-hour period when they are open. **Fee: $15 members, $30 member guests.**

COACH TRIP

Storm King Art Center

Thursday, June 14, 7 am–7 pm,
(approximately)
Mountainville, NY

Widely celebrated as one of the world's leading sculpture parks, Storm King Art Center is located one hour north of New York City in the lower Hudson Valley. The 500-acre landscape of fields, hills, and woodlands provides the setting for a collection of more than 100 carefully sited sculptures created by some of the most acclaimed artists of our time. The art collection comprises more than 100 sculptures dating from post-World War II to the present, and specially commissioned site-specific works for which the landscape itself has been fashioned to work in harmony with the art. The collection focuses on large-scale abstract sculpture, much of it in steel, and also includes figurative work and sculpture in stone, earth, and other materials. Our trip will include a boxed lunch at the café and guided tram and walking tours of the collections. Bus departs the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park at 7 am and from PHS at 7:15. Please indicate preferred pickup location. **Limit 40. Fee: $110 members, $120 non-members, includes bus travel, entrance and tour fees, lunch, and snacks and wine on the bus.**

IN THE GARDEN

A Plant Connoisseur's Paradise *WAIT LIST*

Wednesday, June 6, 10 am–12 noon
Flemington, NJ

For more than half a century, **Dr. Gerald and Beatrice Barad** have been cultivating a spectacular collection of cacti and succulents, as well as outstanding gardens, at their home in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. **Note: This program is currently full.** To have your name added to the wait list, please send an email to *programreg@pennhort.org* or call 215-988-8869. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Asian Fusion

Thursday, July 12, 6 pm
Willow Grove, PA

The garden of passionate plantsman **Michael Colibraro** has become a fusion of Asian and European-influenced styles on a small property (50 by 125 feet). It is a collector's garden, with plants from different parts of the world, all getting along just fine. Architectural elements, pots, artful pieces, and an ever-increasing bonsai collection make the garden a unique and inviting place to be. Michael Colibraro is nursery manager at Colibraro Landscaping and Nursery, Inc., a family business in Horsham, PA. **Limit 20. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-member.**

CONFERENCE

Woody Plant Conference

Wednesday, July 25
Villanova University
Villanova, PA

Designed for professionals and avid gardeners, the Woody Plant Conference is co-sponsored by PHS, Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and Tyler Arboretum. It will be held this year at Villanova University. **For more information and to preregister, please visit *woodyplantconference.org.***

Travel with PHS

Allison Rulon-Miller

The itinerary will include Brindavan Gardens, a Mughal-style terrace garden completed in 1932 and modeled after the Shalimar Gardens of Kashmir.

Sacred Stems–Tea, Spices and the Power of Plants Trip to Southern India

January 11–25, 2013

Join PHS in January 2013 for a fascinating exploration of the flora and gardens of South India. Our 15-day, 14-night trip will showcase the early role of gardens and plants in medicinal, religious, culinary, commercial, and leisure activities in India. It will also illustrate how these roles and activities evolved in the colonial era and after independence from Britain. We will visit Mughal-style terrace gardens; British-style botanical gardens; and lively flower, vegetable, and spice markets. We will also visit colonial-era hill stations where tea, coffee, and spice plantations still abound and learn about current programs to help the thousands of small tea growers found throughout India.

Current plant conservation and research activities will be explored through visits to two botanical sanctuaries. In one we will find rare impatiens and orchids native to the Western Ghat Mountains of Kerala, and in the other we will discover a myriad of tropical trees and plants, including the largest collection of gingers in India. Finally, we will learn about the Indian discipline of ayurveda, an ancient art of healing and wellness incorporating medicinal plants, controlled diet, and mind-body exercise.

Our itinerary also includes some of South India's most memorable sites, such as the Amba Vilas Palace in Mysore, the serene backwaters of Kerala, and the Portuguese- and Dutch-influenced town of Kochi. Optional trip extensions to the Golden Triangle (Delhi/Agra/Jaipur) and to Kolkata will also be offered. **For more information, contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *ckleiber@pennhort.org.***

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PHS McLean Library Garden Q&A is Now an Online Database

"How do I make a rain barrel?" "Where can I buy succulents?" "What is a good tree for my backyard?" These and hundreds more questions, along with informative answers written by our Garden Q&A volunteers and McLean Library staff, are on the Library website. It's easy to type in your question and find an answer, or fill out a form to submit unanswered questions. Visit *pennhort.libanswers.com.*

Nearly 10,000 children attended the 2012 PHS Junior Flower Show at the Temple Ambler campus on April 27. Visit the PHS facebook page, *facebook.com/PaHortSociety,* to see more great photos from a very busy spring at PHS.

Read more stories like this at *PHSonline.org.*

PHS Tube

Connect with PHS through Facebook and Twitter and watch videos on our PHS YouTube page.

Donate Your Gardening Books

Have you been accumulating gardening books that you no longer use? Why not sort through your books and free up some shelf space? Give unwanted books a new lease on life by donating them to the PHS McLean Library annual book sale, where they can be discovered and enjoyed by other gardeners. The sale will be held at the Library on **Thursday, October 4** from 9:30 am to 5 pm, and all proceeds benefit the Library. Drop books off at the Library between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information, call 215-988-8772 or send email to *pbecroft@pennhort.org.*

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PHS Pop Up Garden Rises in Center City

For the second year in a row, PHS has transformed a vacant lot in the heart of Center City Philadelphia into a temporary garden and gathering place. Located at 1905-15 Walnut Street, just off Rittenhouse Square, the 2012 PHS Pop Up Garden celebrates local food production and the PHS City Harvest program, which grows fresh produce through a network of urban gardens and helps feed more than 1,000 families each week.

The garden's theme, "Bring Everyone to the Table," invites people to get involved in the issue of food security; connect with one another; and bring their ideas, recipes, and urban gardening tips to the table—literally. One of the standout features of this urban oasis is a long, handmade communal table ringed by a mix of brightly colored recycled chairs.

Visitors will also find raised beds brimming with vegetables, herbs, annuals, perennials, and shrubs; a tranquil urban meadow of grasses and wildflowers; and small event and performance spaces. Programs include children's activities, talks and demonstrations on gardening, presentations by local businesses, "foodie Fridays," and special events and celebrations.

The PHS Pop Up Garden is made possible through the generosity of **Castleway Properties LLC**, which is allowing PHS to use its site on Walnut Street and provided financial support for the creation of the garden. A special thanks goes to our sponsors, **Chipotle Mexican Grill** and **Firstrust Bank**. Their contributions and promotional support have been a wonderful boost to the Pop Up's success. Shire Pharmaceuticals sent volunteers to help with planting. The city's Philadelphia Mural Arts Program is creating site-specific artworks in the garden. The garden also features artwork created by the Philadelphia Sculpture Gym. Programming partners (to date) include the Franklin Institute, the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Fair Food, Rittenhouse Row businesses and organizations, and the Friends of Rittenhouse Square.

Be Part of the Pop Up!
To celebrate the new Pop Up Garden and its theme of bringing everyone to the table, PHS will create a celebratory tablecloth featuring a patchwork of photographs taken by garden visitors. When you visit the garden, take a picture or two, and then go to PHSonline.org to upload it. For a one-time $5 donation to City Harvest, your image will be featured on the tablecloth, which will debut on closing day of the garden.

2012 PHS Pop Up Garden 1905-15 Walnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

Open Hours:
Tuesday–Friday, 11 am–2 pm
(Wednesday–Friday in September and October, 11 am–2 pm)
Thursday evenings, 5 pm–7 pm
2nd Saturday of each month, 9 am–1 pm
Check the calendar at ***PHSonline.org*** for program information.

2011 PHS Pop Up Goes to Venice!

Last year's Pop Up Garden at 20th and Market Streets, visited by more than 6,000 guests, was chosen for inclusion in the official U.S. presentation at the 13th International Venice Architecture Biennale, to be held August 29 to November 25, 2012. The American exhibition, "Spontaneous Interventions: Design Actions for the Common Good," will document projects aimed at bringing positive change to the public realm.

Last year's garden was also honored by the Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects with a Merit Award, recognizing the project's innovative urban greening and overall landscape design excellence.

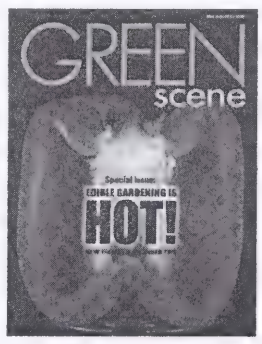
A Special Note to Readers

For many years, PHS has published two print publications: ***PHS News,*** our member newsletter, and ***Green Scene,*** our acclaimed gardening and lifestyle magazine.

Beginning **this fall, *PHS News* will become a special section in *Green Scene.*** The Programs & Events catalog, a list of all the educational offerings available through PHS, also will be included the PHS News section of the magazine.

We think these changes will better serve our members by combining the separate communication vehicles into one attractive, convenient source. *Green Scene* is a highly regarded publication in the horticultural world and one of the most popular benefits of PHS membership. The combined publication will also reduce costs and preserve trees.

The new section in *Green Scene* will still be called PHS News, and it will provide the three-month listing of our programs, workshops, tours, and events. Each issue will also include a registration form for those activities. As always, you can register for programs at any time by clicking on the calendar at our website, *PHSonline.org*. If you have not already done so, sign up for an online account at *pennhort.net/myaccount*.



Some of the feature stories and other content from PHS News will be presented through other vehicles, such as our monthly E-News. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jane Carroll at *jcarroll@pennhort.org*.

All New Layout!

2012 PHS FALL GARDEN FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 22, 10 am–5 pm
Philadelphia Navy Yard, *Free Parking*

Calling all gardeners, kids, and anyone who wants to have fun outside: get ready for the annual PHS Fall Garden Festival, including the Harvest Competition! Music, food, plants, shopping, workshops, gardening tips, children's activities and more—it's all part of the PHS Fall Garden Festival on the beautiful grounds of the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

The 2012 Fall Festival will have a whole new look, with the "Brilliant!" colors of fall as a backdrop. The wagon-wheel layout will feature great entertainment and experiences, including live music in a piazza setting. An expanded plant section will offer hundreds of new and exciting varieties. A farmers market, fall holiday décor for the home, new food selections, a beer garden, tours of the Navy Yard, and children's races and games will make this year's Festival a terrific destination for families and gardeners of all ages.

All proceeds from the Fall Garden Festival will go to the PHS City Harvest program, which provides undernourished families with fresh organic produce.

Members' Plant Dividend
PHS members are invited to the **Annual Plant Dividend** *(Sustaining and 1827 Society members may enter the Plant Dividend Tent starting at 8 am.)* PHS members can select free plants (one for Associate members and three for Household and Leadership members). **Valid PHS membership cards are required** to enter the Plant Dividend tent. Bring your card or visit the Membership tent for a temporary card. Dividend plants are grown and donated by expert propagators, PHS members, and commercial growers. Selections will include **perennials, shrubs, houseplants, and trees**.

Everyone is welcome to the PHS Fall Garden Festival. Please invite your neighbors, friends and family. Encourage them to become a PHS member that day to take advantage of the Plant Dividend.

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New Ventures

Summer hit us quickly this year, and despite challenging temperatures we celebrated a number of new landscapes in Philadelphia. The PHS Pop Up Garden, constructed on a vacant lot diagonally across from Rittenhouse Square, features beds of colorful annuals, vegetables, and shrubs, as well as a 64-foot-long cedar table flanked by five dozen brightly painted chairs. Since it opened on June 22, it's been a popular lunch spot and gathering place during open hours for children's activities, and an inspiration for new and seasoned gardeners. For more information about the Pop Up Garden hours and programs, please visit our website.

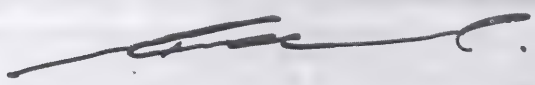
While the Pop Up Garden is temporary, South Philadelphia's Hawthorne Park is a permanent green haven—the newest neighborhood star in Philadelphia's parks and recreation system (and our cover story in the June-July issue of PHS News). Pat Bullard, a PHS member who serves on our Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and chairs the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition, joined me, Mayor Michael Nutter, Deputy Mayor Michael DiBerardinis, and others at the official ribbon cutting on July 5.

Along with new landscapes, we have a new way of running our organization. I want thank all of you who made your voices heard at the Special Members Meeting on June 27, either through returning your proxy forms or by attending in person. The meeting, during which the new governance structure was approved, culminated more than a year's worth of work by a Council committee, led by Vice-Chair Howard Meyers, to ensure that we are following best practices for governance.

What does this mean to you as a member? You will still enjoy the wonderful benefits of PHS membership, such as private garden tours, Philadelphia International Flower Show tickets, Plant Dividend selections, discounts at nurseries, and more. You can also be assured PHS will be overseen by a strong and independent board of directors with representation from all of our constituencies.

Speaking of member privileges, as you may have seen on the cover page, we are improving one of our member benefits in a major way. By streamlining our publications, PHS will save paper and be able to give you a bigger and better Green Scene, filled with all the information you need—from articles about gardening to a complete listing of programs and events—in one award-winning magazine.

We would not be able to grow and thrive without you, our members, who support PHS in so many crucial ways throughout the year. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.



Drew Becher

What's New at Meadowbrook Farm

Late summer can be a challenging time in the garden, when many plants have suffered through heat waves, dry spells, or insect infestations. The staff at Meadowbrook Farm offers five tips for perking up your garden during the "dog days" and beyond.

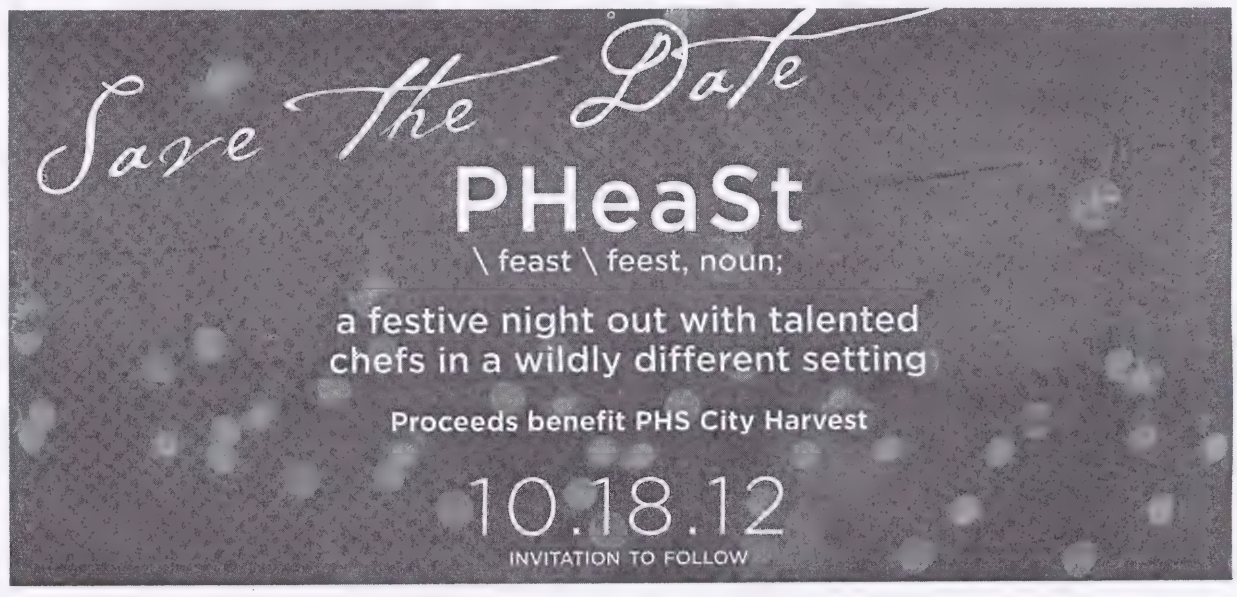
- Water in the morning so plants have a chance to soak up moisture before the heat sets in. Keep in mind you may have to water potted plants twice a day when it's very hot and dry.
- Summer is the best time to shear topiaries and hedges.
- September is a great time to refresh your containers with later-season crops like fall pansies, mums, and grasses.
- Can and preserve your summer vegetables (sign up for Meadowbrook's canning workshop on August 9 to learn how).
- Spruce up your vegetable garden by switching out summer crops for fall vegetables like kale, fall lettuce, and garlic.

MEADOWBROOK FARM

1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046
215-887-5900 · *meadowbrookfarm.org*

Mark Your Calendar!
Fall Fun at Meadowbrook Farm
Saturday, October 6, 8 am–6 pm (activities 10 am–4 pm)

Don't miss a celebration of fall at Meadowbrook Farm, offering fun for the whole family with refreshments and pumpkin launching, plus great shopping for beautiful mums and pansies, fall veggies, and other fabulous fall plants.



In the Spotlight

Ed Mitinger & Janice Chorba

by Barbara Peterson

Ed Mitinger (second from left) and Janice Chorba (center), along with members of the Southwark/Queen Village community garden, grow produce for PHS City Harvest.

The Southwark/Queen Village Community Garden at 311-313 Christian Street, in South Philadelphia, is an unexpected horticultural wonderland. Divided into 60 plots, the garden features hidden seating areas, lush plantings, and a few resident cats. Continuously cultivated for 30 years, it is one of the city's longest-standing community gardens and is permanently protected by the Neighborhood Gardens Association/A Philadelphia Land Trust.

Janice Chorba and Ed Mitinger are passionate about this garden and have been involved for more than seven years. The garden is one of 45 gardens that grow and donate vegetables to the PHS City Harvest program, which helps feed families in underserved neighborhoods.

"The whole garden was enthusiastic about our first City Harvest growing season," says Ed. "There was excess produce at certain times of the year and we thought, 'How can we use this to connect to the community?'" It was decided that one of the eight-by-20-foot plots would be devoted to City Harvest. This shared plot—in addition to surplus from individual gardeners—contributes more than 2,000 pounds of food to the program each year.

The garden's City Harvest donations go to the nearby Courtyard Apartments at Riverview, whose senior citizens enjoy the greens, broccoli, potatoes, green beans, tomatoes, peppers, and more. Not only is the food made available to the residents, but they are also taught how to prepare it. "We have a lot of good cooks in our crew, so we include recipes with the food we send over," Ed says.

"Many of the residents don't have access to fresh produce, so we harvest our donation on Monday mornings, and the food cupboard portions it out," says Janice. The harvests begin in May and typically continue up to Thanksgiving. Ed and Janice are chairs of the garden's City Harvest Committee, but are quick to point out that such a consistent output is the result of the dedication of a loyal crew of volunteer gardeners.

In addition to sharing the produce, the Southwark/Queen Village volunteers have also shared their love of gardening with the Courtyard Apartments residents. "We talked to them about setting up their own gardens, and they were really interested," says Janice. "So last June we built some raised beds, and the residents are excited about the potential." With help from Janice, Ed, and the other Southwark gardeners, these seniors reap the bounty in more ways than one.

2012 PHS FALL GARDEN FESTIVAL

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Show off Your Garden Bounty!
Everyone is invited to enter the biggest and best from their gardens in a friendly competition. To find out how to enter your vegetables, please contact Betty Greene at *bgreene@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8826.

Directions to the Navy Yard
The Navy Yard is located at the south end of Broad Street and is easily accessible from I-95 (Exit 17, Broad Street). Enter through the main gate; the event is held on the Parade Ground (watch for signs).

SEPTA users: take the # 17 bus (marked Navy Yard). Please check with SEPTA for more information (215-580-7800 or septa.org).

For a complete list of activities, competitions, detailed directions, and more, please visit *PHSonline.org.*

PHS Tree Tenders®

The PHS Tree Tenders program offers hands-on tree care education for residents of the five-county Philadelphia region. The nine-hour course covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care, and working within your community. ISA, PA LA, Act 48 and PLNA credits are available. This course is not appropriate for children under 16. Fee: $25. To register, visit *pennhort.net/eventregistration* or call 215-988-8845.

Thursdays, September 6, 13 & 20, 6–9 pm
Bucks County Cooperative Extension
Neshaminy Manor Center, 1282 Almshouse Road, Doylestown, PA 18901

Tuesdays, September 11, 18 & 25, 6–9 pm
Green Valleys Association at Welkinweir, 1368 Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA 19465

Wednesdays, October 3, 10 & 17, 5:45–8:45 pm
PHS, 100 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

PHS and Longwood Gardens present:
Inspiring Floral Artistry – A Hallmark of Spectacular Design
October 3–5, 2012

PHS and Longwood Gardens are pleased to present a series of design events with internationally acclaimed floral designer **Damien Koh**. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the greats. Damien has toured more than 30 cities worldwide as a lecturer, exhibitor, judge, and designer. He also owns Fleur Connection, a florist studio and design school in Singapore.

All classes will be held at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. A boutique of unique items preferred by professionals will be available for your shopping convenience. For additional information, call 215-988-8897 or email *fnarducci@pennhort.org.*

Long distance travelers, accommodations can be booked at the following hotels:

Hilton Garden Inn at Kennett Square: $109/night
815 East Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-444-9100

Mendenhall Inn, includes full breakfast: $99/night
Route 52, Mendenhall, PA 19357
610-388-2100

Demonstration/Floral lecture (for all skill levels)
Wednesday, October 3:

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	"Inspired by a New Perspective"
8:30 pm	Raffle of selected designs followed by a Dessert Reception

Workshops (for beginner and intermediate arrangers)
Thursday, October 4:

9:00 am – 12 pm	"Get Wired!" Create designs using wiring techniques
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch available in the Terrace Restaurant, a certified green restaurant
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	"Structured Freedom," Create a floral structure

Workshops (for experienced or professional arrangers)
Friday, October 5:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	"Textural Takes," Designs with emphasis on texture
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	"Picture Perfect," Create a floral collage

To register, complete form and mail to:
PHS, Attn: Flossie Narducci, 100 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Confirmations will be sent once your registration is processed. Cancellation policy: 50% refund if cancellation is received in writing by September 12; no refunds after September 12. For more information, visit *www.pennhort.net/inspiringfloralartistry* or contact Flossie Narducci at 215-988-8897.

REGISTRATION FOR Inspiring Floral Artistry – A Hallmark of Spectacular Design

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Wednesday	October 3 demonstration: "Inspired by a New Prospective"	Open Seating:	_____ Reservations @ $59	= $ _____
		Preferred Seating:	_____ Reservations @ $79	= $ _____
Thursday	October 4 (workshops include all materials)	am Workshop: "Get Wired"	_____ Reservations @ $195	= $ _____
		pm Workshop: "Structured Freedom"	_____ Reservations @ $195	= $ _____
Friday	October 5 (workshop includes all materials)	am Workshop: "Textural Takes"	_____ Reservations @ $195	= $ _____
		pm Workshop: "Picture Perfect"	_____ Reservations @ $195	= $ _____
			TOTAL	= $ _____

Registering for two or more friends? Please include names and addresses of additional registrants on a separate sheet.

Method of Payment: ____Check enclosed ____VISA ____MasterCard ____American Express

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imPRESSive: a Pressed Flower Exhibition in the McLean Library

On view through August 10

Stop by the PHS McLean Library through August 10 for an exhibition of pressed flower creations, which are a crowd favorite among the artistic class displays at the Flower Show. You can also try your hand at helping to create a new piece of pressed flower artwork. PHS will provide pressed flowers, an outline, and glue. Once complete, the interactive piece will be on display at the end of the exhibition. *ImPRESSive* is part of our participation in With Art Philadelphia, a year-long promotion of the city's cultural offerings.

The McLean Library is located on the first floor of PHS headquarters, 100 N. 20th Street in Philadelphia. Hours are Monday–Friday, 9 am–5 pm.

Support City Harvest

The PHS City Harvest program taps the skills and energy of urban gardeners to make nutritious, naturally grown produce more widely available in under-served Philadelphia neighborhoods. For as little as $35 you can provide two weeks of fresh produce to families in need! Please visit *www.pennhort.net/helptheharvest* to make a secure online gift, or call 215-988-8894 to make your donation over the phone. Thank you!

Support PHS through United Way

As United Way workplace campaigns roll out across the region this fall, we hope you will consider directing your United Way contribution to PHS. Simply note Donor Option ID #06197 on your pledge card or online donation.

2012 PHS Major Awards

PHS is pleased to announce the winners of the Major Awards for 2102. Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 13.

Distinguished Achievement Medal

Jane G. Pepper led the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for 30 years, retiring as president in 2010. Under her leadership, PHS grew to be internationally recognized for the Philadelphia International Flower Show and Philadelphia Green. A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, Jane's horticultural training began at Temple University, where she earned an associate of science degree in landscape design. She holds a B.S. in plant science from the University of Delaware and an M.S. in public horticulture administration from the Longwood Graduate Program.

For more than two decades she contributed a gardening column for the Philadelphia Inquirer and wrote *Jane Pepper's Garden* (Camino Books, 1997), still a valued go-to gardening book on many PHS members' bookshelves.

Jane is a director of the American Public Gardens Association and a trustee of Longwood Gardens, Inc. She serves as a director of the PNC Financial Services Group and is a member of the Board of Directors of the First Hospital Foundation. Jane has received the Royal Horticultural Society Gold Veitch Memorial Medal; the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Grand Gold Medal; the Wyck-Strickland Award; the Pennsylvania Society Award; the Magee Hospital Humanitarian Award; and many other honors. Jane continues to lead an annual trip to the U.K. for PHS members.

Certificate of Merit

Andrew Bunting has been curator at the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College since 1993. He has worked at the Chanticleer Foundation, the Morton Arboretum, Chicago Botanic Garden, Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Tintinhull House in England, and Titoki Point in New Zealand. Andrew is president of Magnolia Society International, vice-president of the Delaware Center for Horticulture, vice-president of the Swarthmore Horticultural Society, and owns Fine Garden Creations. At PHS, Andrew serves on the Design & Horticulture and Flower Show Executive committees, chairs the Flower Show Gardener's Studio group, and is a past co-chair of the Flower Show Horticulture Classes.

Certificate of Merit

Mary Seton Corboy is founder and "Chief Farm Hand" of Greensgrow Farms, located in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. She led the effort to turn a dilapidated post-industrial site into a nationally recognized leader in sustainable, small-scale urban farming. Today, Greensgrow is home to a bustling farm, nursery, farm stand, and community supported agriculture (CSA) program. Greensgrow also runs a community kitchen, a low-income CSA program, and a mobile market in Camden, NJ. Greensgrow has received the Sustainable Business of the Year Award from the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and the 2012 Sustainable Agriculture Leadership Award from the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture. Under Mary's guidance, Greensgrow has been a wonderful partner for PHS's Garden Tenders program, offering tours, discount coupons, and educational workshops.

Certificate of Merit

Russell Meddin serves on the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and is a past member of PHS Council, but he is perhaps best known as the leader of the "Grumpy Old Men," a pack of volunteers who greet more than 600 bus groups that arrive at the Philadelphia International Flower Show each year. Russell is the founding member and co-coordinator of Schuylkill River Park Alliance, as well as a founding member and president of Philadelphians Against Graffiti. He is active in his Logan Square neighborhood and has won ribbons for his guerrilla gardens in the PHS City Gardens Contest. He currently serves on the boards of the Reading Terminal Market Corporation, the Reading Terminal Market Preservation Fund, the Lower Schuylkill River Users Association, and the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. He is also a founding member of Bike Share Philadelphia.

Education Programs

SAVE TIME—REGISTER ONLINE!

You can register for PHS programs online at *www.pennhort.net/eventregistration.*

MEMBER PRICING ONLINE

To take advantage of member pricing when registering online, you must **create a PHS user account on our website**. In addition to receiving special member pricing, a user account lets you update your contact information, access your giving history, indicate your interests, and renew your membership all in one convenient place! New user accounts may take up to 24 hours to be activated. If you have not already done so, you can create a user account by visiting *www.pennhort.net/myaccount*.

PROGRAMS AT PHS

100 North 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Sogetsu Ikebana for Pleasure

Monday, September 10, 11 am–12:30 pm

Lorraine Toji, who began studying Sogetsu Ikebana over 30 years ago, will create a series of arrangements, varying from basic ones with natural materials through very contemporary creations. Held in the McLean Library. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Everyday Flower Arranging

Monday, October 15, 11 am–12:30 pm

Floral designers **Valerie McLaughlin**, **Susan Essick**, and **Patti Kelly** will demonstrate the basics and mechanics of flower arranging, creating three different arrangements using a variety of flowers and plants from the garden. Held in the McLean Library. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Workshop: Painting Flowers and Plants with Watercolor

Eight Tuesdays: October 16–December 4, 10 am–1 pm

If you feel challenged by the medium of watercolor and have wondered how botanical artists create the illusion of reality, this is the class for you! Presented by **Eileen Rosen**, this popular eight-part class includes mixing the colors of nature, making a color journal, creating form and dimensionality, and a discussion of watercolor brushes and paper. We will work from live specimens, beginning with fruits and vegetables. A materials list, including items needed for the first class, will be mailed upon registration. **Fee: $215 members, $230 non-members. Limit: 15.**

PROGRAMS AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

1633 Washington Lane
Abington Township, PA 19046

Canning and Preserving

Thursday, August 9, 6–8 pm

There is nothing better than opening a jar of homemade salsa, canned peaches, or pickles in the dead of winter. Canning and preserving are great ways to savor your harvest all year long. With a little bit of time and elbow-grease, and with wine and good company, you can learn how to preserve your garden's bounty. Bring your creative kitchen ideas and your favorite paring knife. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

The Fascinating World of Orchids

Thursday, August 30, 6–8 pm

Orchids make up a large family of plants containing the world's smallest seed, most exotic flowers, and most intriguing methods of pollination. They were valued in nineteenth-century England as love potions, fertility aids, medicine, and more. Join environmental educator Brenda Sullivan as she talks about the fascinating world of orchids. Learn about their history and how to care for them. **Fee: $25 members, $30 non-members.**

Make a Miniature Garden

Two dates:
Thursday, September 13, 6–8 pm, OR
October 18, 6–8 pm

Miniature landscapes allow you to express your style on a small scale. Environmental educator **Brenda Sullivan** will demonstrate how to create an indoor miniature landscape in a terra cotta box. You will use a variety of tools, pots, etc. Participants may purchase a container if desired. Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while you work. **Fee: $45 members, $55 non-members.**

Caring for the Soil

Saturday, September 15, 10 am–12 pm

Join us for a lively discussion by Organic Mechanics founder **Mark Highland** on compost, cover crops, and the care and feeding of healthy soil communities. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Storing Your Produce and Making Vinegar

Thursday, September 20, 6–8 pm

Meadowbrook Farm horticulturist **Tom Reber** will talk about how to store your garden produce and make a variety of herb vinegars. Participants will make and take home a bottle of vinegar. Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while you work. **Fee: $45 members, $55 non-members.**

Evening Garden Stroll at Meadowbrook Farm

Two dates:
Thursday, September 27, 6–8 pm, OR
October 25, 6–8 pm

Join horticulturist **Tom Reber** for a guided tour through Meadowbrook's gardens. During the walk, Tom will highlight specific plants, plant combinations, and the overall vision for the design of the garden. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Joys and Chores in the Fall Garden

Saturday, October 20, 10 am–12 pm

There are many things to do in the garden in the fall. Horticulturist **Lori Hayes** will talk about planting selection, spring bulbs, cutting back plants, creating fall and winter containers, and collecting and storing seeds. **Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Registration Information

Reservations are required for all PHS education programs. Payment must accompany registration. Register online at *pennhort.org/eventregistration*, or fill out the reservation form and mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 N. 20th St., 5th floor, Philadelphia PA 19103-1495.

You may also register by fax (215-988-8810). Fax reservations must be paid with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.

Confirmations will be mailed for all events except Garden Visits and Brown-Bag Lunches. Your confirmation will serve as your "ticket" for events; if your registration has not been confirmed by mail, please call 215-988-8869. Travel directions will be included for all events.

Wait List: If a program is filled, we will add your name to the wait list. If space becomes available, we will call you. No payment is required to be placed on the wait list.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations must be received at least five business days before the event. (No refund if fewer than five days.) PHS retains a $5 cancellation fee.

For more information, call 215-988-8869 or email *programreg@pennhort.org.*

EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: PHS, Attn: Education Programs, 100 North 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495

Program	Date	Fee	No. of persons	Cost
			Total Fee:	$

Name:_____ Member ID#: _____

Name of guest (if any):_____

Address:_____

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❒ **I/We would like to support PHS education programs.**
Donation amount: _____ **(select payment method above).**

PROGRAMS AT CHANTICLEER
786 Church Road
Wayne, PA 19087

Workshop: Leaf Casting 101 [WAIT LIST]
Wednesday, August 1, 6–8 pm

Chanticleer's **Terry Struve** and **Jonathan Wright** will show you how to make a cast-leaf sculpture for your garden. Using a tried-and-true concrete mix, you'll capture the beauty of summer's best to treasure forever. You will receive a leaf to use as a mold for your creation and choose from a number of dyes to customize your sculpture. You'll learn a recipe to use over and over to create more sculptures on your own. **Limit: 20. Fee: $30 members, $35 non-members.**

Walk: Sustainable Chanticleer
Wednesday, August 15, 6–8 pm

The "Green Movement" is catching on everywhere, and Chanticleer has undertaken a strategic goal to safeguard our environment. **Joe Henderson** will interpret how Chanticleer's green practices can help us change our impact on the planet's limited resources every time we garden. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Bounty Hunters
Wednesday, August 22, 6–8 pm

Join **Doug Croft** for a stroll through Chanticleer's vegetable garden and cold frames to explore what is ripe for harvest. He will highlight some of the oddities in the vegetable world and discuss ways to prepare them that will tantalize your palate. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: Turf Wars—Straighten Your Bent Grass
Wednesday, September 12, 5:30–7:30 pm

Chanticleer's **Scott Steinfeldt** will provide an overview of lawn care basics every homeowner should know. His topics will include the best turf grass varieties for residential lawns; mowing frequency, fertilizer, and watering; and essential lawn care equipment. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk: September Splendor
Wednesday, September 19, 5:30–7:30 pm

September brings welcome cooler nights and renewed garden vigor. Many plants are at their peak, including perennials like asters and ornamental grasses, and fall-blooming bulbs such as colchicum. Many vegetables are ready for harvest at this time of year as well. **Jonathan Wright** will be our guide around the garden during this wonderful transitional season. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Walk/Demonstration: Flower Arranging From the Garden
Thursday, September 27, 5:30–7:30 pm

Why spend money buying flowers when you can create something of beauty from what's growing right outside in your garden, regardless of the time of year? Join Chanticleer horticulturist **Lisa Roper** on an inspiring walk through Chanticleer in search of great flowers to cut for spring. Afterwards, Lisa will demonstrate and discuss techniques for creating arrangements while putting together numerous creations before your eyes. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

Master Class with Noel Kingsbury: Walk and Talk—The Rabbit's Eye View
Wednesday, October 24, 5–7 pm

Join us for a unique opportunity to learn, up close and personal, from **Noel Kingsbury**, an internationally renowned innovator, writer, and teacher. This workshop will encourage participants to observe garden plants, primarily perennials and ornamental grasses, focusing on their growth, how they compete with each other, how to assess their health, and their suitability for various garden locations. Gardeners and designers can then use their knowledge to maximize interest and minimize maintenance at all seasons. You will get "the rabbit's eye view," a close observation of plant growing habits and lifecycles that make us better gardeners and designers. Wine and light refreshments will be served.

Noel Kingsbury has developed nature-inspired plantings in both private gardens and public spaces and has written about garden design, green roofs, and the politics of gardening. He holds a PhD from the University of Sheffield. He lives in the Welsh Borders near Hay-on-Wye. **Limit: 20. Fee: $40 members, $50 non-members.**

Walk: Flaming Foliage
Saturday, October 27, 1–3 pm

Join **Joe Henderson** for a delightful walk through Chanticleer at the peak of its autumn glory, when the deciduous trees display a riot of fiery foliage color. Joe will describe how the leaves turn color in the fall, why we have fall in our region, why some years are more dramatic than others, and which trees you should include in your landscape for the best autumn color. **Limit: 25. Fee: $18 members, $23 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT HORTULUS FARM NURSERY & GARDENS
60 Thompson Mill Road
Wrightstown, PA 18940

Demonstration/Tour: A Day in the Garden Devoted to Design
Friday, September 28, 10 am–3 pm

Treat yourself to a full day learning about garden design. **Renny Reynolds**, co-owner of Hortulus Farm Nursery and Gardens, has designed gardens featured in magazines such as *Architectural Digest* and *Town & Country*. He will give a morning talk about design basics, followed by a question-and-answer session and lunch. In the afternoon Renny will lead a tour of a 30-acre section of this picturesque property that has been developed into 20 individual gardens, including a peony walk, woodland walk, French garden, Italian fountains garden, and more.

We will also visit the Farm Museum, a showplace for Bucks County Impressionist paintings and other artifacts. Begun in 1985, the museum collection now totals 38 paintings and works on paper by celebrated local artists. Also notable is Renny and partner Jack Staub's horticultural library of almost 1,000 garden books, as well as collections of antique garden tools, statuary, and garden letters. At the end you will take home a gift plant as a souvenir of the day. **Limit: 20. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members.**

PROGRAMS AT THE SALVATION ARMY KROC CENTER OF PHILADELPHIA
4200 Wissahickon Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19129

The Late-Season Vegetable Garden
Thursday, August 23, 6–7 pm

Autumn brings wonderful rewards in the vegetable garden. Horticulturist **Liz Dailey** will share tips on what can be planted in the garden in late summer and how to extend the season beyond the heat of summer. **FREE, but registration is required.**

Fabulous Fall Containers
Wednesday, September 19, 6–7:30 pm

Garden designer **Toni Ann Flanigan** will demonstrate how to create an attractive late-season container garden using a variety of textures, colors, and forms. **FREE, but registration is required.**

Preserving the Harvest
Wednesday, October 17, 6–7:30 pm

Do you grow more vegetables than you know what to do with? Have you pleaded with your neighbors or co-workers to take your extra zucchinis and tomatoes? Learn how to preserve your garden's abundance simply and safely. Almost any vegetable or fruit can be preserved, and an expert from the **Rodale Institute** will provide tips, recipes, and demonstrations. **FREE, but registration is required.**

PROGRAM AT THE ARBORETUM OF THE BARNES FOUNDATION
300 North Latch's Lane
Merion, PA 19066

Master Class Workshop: Fall is for Photographs—Lessons from a Pro
Tuesday, October 23, 8 am–2 pm

Professional garden photographer **Rob Cardillo** will explore and demonstrate what goes into creating dramatic vistas and inspired floral portraits. Using examples of his own work, Rob will begin the day with an illustrated lecture on how great images are found, designed, and translated through the lens. Students will then head into the gardens to capture compelling images. We'll reassemble after lunch to download photos and engage in a lively critique. Whether you're a point-and-shoot beginner or a seasoned photographer, you'll come away with a new set of tools and fresh ideas to make your own garden photos stand up and sing.

Bring your digital camera, lenses, charged battery, storage cards, and a tripod if desired, and a brown-bag lunch and beverage. A laptop with software to download and edit your images will also be useful. If you don't have a laptop, please bring a selection of your favorite older garden photos.

Rob Cardillo has been photographing gardens, plants, and the people that tend them for more than 20 years. His most recent book, *Chanticleer–A Pleasure Garden* (written by Adrian Higgins) showcases this world-class garden through four seasons. **Limit: 15. Fee: $90 PHS and Barnes Foundation members, $100 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT SPRINGTON MANOR FARM
860 Springton Road
Glenmoore, PA 19343

Workshop: Miniature Portraits of Springton Manor Farm with Colored Pencils
Two Saturdays: October 27, AND
November 3, 10 am–1 pm

This early-seventeenth-century demonstration farm will be the inspiration for a two-day workshop led by **Eileen Rosen**. With step-by-step instruction and demonstrations, participants will learn to simplify details; draw simple shapes; and mix, layer, and blend colors with wax-based colored pencils. Bucolic open pastures, a pond, gazebo, Victorian manor house, farm animals—all are possible subject matter to include in your miniature painting. No previous experience needed. **Limit: 12. Fee: $60 members, $75 non-members.**

PROGRAM AT THE UNION LEAGUE
140 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19012

Evening Lecture: London Squares and Gardens Fit for a Queen
Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 pm

Education Programs

It's not too early to get in the mood for the British invasion at the 2013 Philadelphia Flower Show, *Brilliant!*, opening the first weekend in March. In this lecture, presented in partnership with the Royal Oak Foundation, landscape architect and historian **Todd Longstaffe-Gowan** will delve into the history, evolution, and social implications of London's squares, which have been an important element in city planning and have played a crucial role in the development of urban life. He will also discuss his re-presentation of the pleasure grounds at Kensington Palace for Queen Elizabeth in spring 2012, the largest new garden to be laid out at a British Royal Palace for more than a century. Kensington Palace—part of which is now open to the public—was built in the late seventeenth century for William III and Mary II, and has been a favorite place of residence for various members of the royal family.

Todd Longstaffe-Gowan is a prominent landscape architect, historian, and author, as well as Gardens Adviser to Historic Royal Palaces. His most recent book, *The London Square: Gardens in the Midst of Town*, was published by Yale University Press in 2012.

This program is co-sponsored by PHS, the Royal Oak Foundation, and the Union League of Philadelphia. There will be a reception sponsored by Freeman's Auctioneers at 6 pm, followed by an optional dinner. Dinner reservations are non-refundable and must be made by October 24. Formal business attire is required. **Fee: lecture only: $25 members and non-members. Lecture and dinner: $75 members and guests. Registration is required through the Royal Oak Foundation and begins August 10. Call 212-480-2889, ext. 201 or visit *royal-oak.org*.**

OTHER LOCATIONS

PECO Green Roof Tours

2301 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
August 21, September 18, & October 16 (twilight tour)

Want to learn about exciting green roof technology and how it can help the environment? PHS's popular monthly tours of the green roof at the downtown PECO building continue through October. At more than 45,000 square feet, the PECO green roof features an observation deck and stunning views of Philadelphia. Space is limited to 25 people per tour, pre-registration at least two business days beforehand is required, and tour participants must be at least 18 years of age. **Fee: $5 PHS members, $10 non-members.**

Note: Group tours for 10 or more people are available. Please contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *ckleiber@pennhort.org* to arrange a group tour.

COACH TRIPS

Monet's Garden at the New York Botanical Garden

Tuesday, October 2, 8 am–7 pm, approximately

Join us for a day at the New York Botanical Garden savoring the relationship between one of the world's favorite artists and his garden. Claude Monet was an avid gardener who once reflected that perhaps flowers inspired him to become a painter. The new Monet's Garden at the New York Botanical Garden showcases a seasonally changing interpretation of the artist's gardens. In addition, two rarely seen paintings by Monet, one of which has never been shown in the United States, will also be on exhibit.

We will tour the garden in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, which explores the legacy of Monet's idyllic garden in Giverny and transforming the conservatory into a floral masterpiece of diverse plants, bold colors, and dramatic design. Monet's most famous subject, water lilies, including many varieties he grew, will be growing in the Conservatory Courtyard's Hardy Pool. After the tour we will have lunch on our own. In the afternoon we'll take a self-guided tour in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library's Rondina Gallery, which includes the two paintings; other Monet artifacts, including the artist's palette, bills of sale for his plants, and letters; and photographic portraits of the garden at Giverny by Elizabeth Murray, revealing the beauty of Monet's garden as it exists now. **Limit: 35. Fee: $110 members, $120 non-members.** Fee includes coach bus (pick-up from PHS or the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park), snacks and wine on the bus, and the tour and admission to the garden.

Northern Manhattan Transformed

Monday, October 22, 8 am–7 pm, approximately

This coach trip features tours of public spaces that have transformed neighborhoods in northern Manhattan, led by celebrated public garden designer Lynden Miller and PHS president Drew Becher. The day will include tours of a park and community gardens developed by the New York Restoration Project (NYRP), as well as two public spaces designed by Lynden Miller.

Nestled in Manhattan's Upper East Side, **Swindler Cove Park**, a former illegal dumping site, now encompasses five beautifully reclaimed acres along the Harlem River. An oasis of native natural habitats, the park features an urban forest, one of the only saltwater marshes on Manhattan's shoreline, and an abundance of wildlife along the Harlem Riverfront. The cornerstone of NYRP's mission and work is the restoration, re-design, maintenance and programming of 52 community gardens located throughout New York City. These gardens function as village greens, urban farms, and outdoor classrooms in areas of the city where public parks or other open spaces are in short supply. We will visit the **Family Garden**, sponsored by Tiffany & Co. and designed by John Loring, and **Rodale Pleasant Park** community gardens in East Harlem, designed by Billie Cohen.

At **Columbia University** Lynden Miller created elegant and colorful plantings and has worked to educate and inspire the maintenance staff to give more attention and care to the grounds. The Columbia community has responded with pleasure and appreciation.

The **Heather Garden in Fort Tryon Park** is one of the largest heath and heather gardens on the East Coast and the largest public garden with unrestricted access in New York City. It is sited on slopes more than 100 feet above the Hudson River, offering stunning vistas of the New Jersey Palisades.

Limit: 35. Fee: $90 members, $100 non-members. Fee includes coach bus, snacks and wine on the bus, and tours. Lunch will be on your own at nearby restaurants.

CONFERENCES

Perennial Plant Conference

Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA
Friday, October 19

Join us for an all-day conference focusing on perennial plants, co-sponsored by PHS, Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, and the Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group. Speakers include Neil DiBoll, Christine Ten Eyck, Kelly Norris, Ken Smith and Noel Kingsbury. **For more information and to register, please visit *perennialplantconference.org*.**

Civic Horticulture and the 21st Century City

Moore College of Art
20th and Race streets, Philadelphia, PA
Friday October 12 (tours Saturday, Oct. 13)

Presented by the Cultural Landscape Foundation and PHS, the Civic Horticulture conference and associated tours will explore the idea of civic horticulture, looking at both its historic context— from the Victorian era through the City Beautiful movement up to the Age of Ecology—and contemporary issues and themes. Speakers include landscape architects, horticulturists, architects, and historians from across the country. **To register and for more information, please visit *http://tclf.org/event/civic-horticulture-conference*.**

Travel with PHS

Visit English Gardens with PHS in 2013

The Gardens of Leicestershire, Rutland, and Cambridge
June 2–12, 2013

Join former PHS president Jane Pepper and Ann and Colin Senior of Heritage Garden Tours next June on a tour of the southern section of England's East Midlands, an area with an enviable concentration of wonderful gardens. Our first base will be in or near Uppingham in the tiny county of Rutland, after which we will head south to Cambridge to enjoy its gardens, river walks, and Choral Evensong in the stunning chapel of Kings College. Brochures will be available in September. **Please contact Betsie Blodgett, *bblodgett@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8818, to be placed on the mailing list.**

Sacred Stems–Tea, Spices and the Power of Plants Trip to Southern India (only a few spaces left!)

January 11–25, 2013

Join PHS in January 2013 for a fascinating exploration of the flora and gardens of South India. Our 15-day, 14-night trip will showcase the early role of gardens and plants in medicinal, religious, culinary, commercial, and leisure activities in India. It will also illustrate how these roles and activities evolved in the colonial era and after independence from Britain. We will visit Mughal-style terrace gardens; British-style botanical gardens; and lively flower, vegetable, and spice markets. We will also visit colonial-era hill stations where tea, coffee, and spice plantations still abound and learn about current programs to help the thousands of small tea growers found throughout India.

Our itinerary also includes some of South India's most memorable sites, such as the Amba Vilas Palace in Mysore, the serene backwaters of Kerala, and the Portuguese- and Dutch-influenced town of Kochi. Optional trip extensions to the Golden Triangle (Delhi/Agra/Jaipur) and to Kolkata will also be offered. **For more information, contact Chela Kleiber at 215-988-8775 or *ckleiber@pennhort.org*.**

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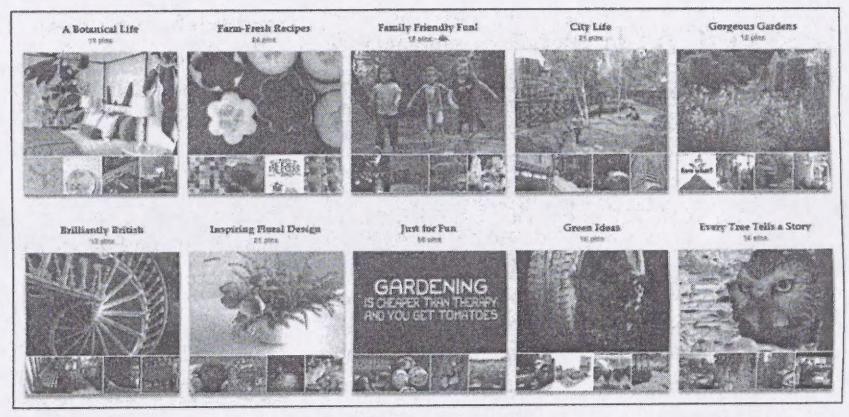

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PHS McLean Library Annual Book Sale

NEW DATE: Wednesday, October 10, 9:30 am–5 pm

Don't miss the annual McLean Library book sale (re-scheduled from October 4). As in previous years, you'll find a wide range of used gardening classics and newer titles at exceptional prices. And, new for this year: we'll also offer fiction titles, DVDs, and CDs. All proceeds of this sale will benefit the McLean Library.

Gardeners, this is a great opportunity to recycle your used books in good condition by donating them for the sale. We are seeking books on gardens, plants, the landscape, and natural history, as well as general fiction. We also welcome high-quality DVDs and CDs (no videotapes, please). Drop off items at the McLean Library between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or at Meadowbrook Farm, 1633 Washington Lane, Meadowbrook, PA. Visit *meadowbrookfarm.org* for hours. Contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772 for more information.

McLean Library Reading Groups

PHS McLean Library
100 North 20th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Join us in reading and discussing works of fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardening, plants, nature, or the land. Participants in two monthly reading groups obtain and read each month's selection prior to the meetings. The **lunch-time short story group** meets on the second Wednesday of each month from noon to 1:30. The **evening book group** meets on the first Thursday from 5:45 to 7:45 pm. Participation is free, but pre-registration is requested. Please contact Priscilla Becroft at *pbecroft@pennhort.org* or 215-988-8772 to register. For reading lists, please visit *pennhort.libguides.com/mcleanlibrary-bookgroup* or contact Priscilla.

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